first starting. We have endeavoured to furnish the latest and best intelligence it was in our power to obtain. We have striven on all occasions to be strictly impartial. We have neither hastily adopted nor as hastily surrendered the views we may have thought most satisfactory on this or that point; at the same time we have felt it to be our duty to retire with the best grace possible from any position we may have believed or ascertained to be untenable. We have studiously avoided saying anything which could, even with the most perverse ingenuity, be twisted into something personal, while, among our numerous correspondents, though it has been no new experience for us to discover the impossibility of pleasing all, we believe we may take upon ourselves to say we have succeeded in contenting the majority. So much for the past. As regards the future which lies before us,—we shall pursue the same policy, in the firm belief that, as it has enabled us to overcome thus far the difficulties attendant on all journalistic projects at the outset, so it will carry us to a more advanced stage, when the constituency we shall address will be still more numerous and, if possible, accept our views more readily. And, in order to arrive at this desirable consummation, we shall, as a matter of course, lose no chance of making our columns as attractive as possible. Having said this, we introduce to our friends and patrons the opening number of our Twelfth Volume in the hope they will be, as heretofore, both kind to any virtues we may possess, as well as blind to our faults.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE last of the Annual Festivals of our three Institutions —that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys— will be held on Thursday next, the 1st July, under the presidency of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. The place selected for the gathering is the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and the arrangements will be, in their main features, such as they have been in recent years, when the Festival has taken place at the Alexandra Palace. Then the brethren will appear in plain morning dress without Masonic insignia of any kind, and the festive board will be graced by the presence of numerous ladies, so that given a thorough July day, a well-ordered menu served by experienced caterers, and the never-failing attractions of this beautiful neighbourhood, the occasion ought to be a most successful one. Moreover, there is a conjunction of other circumstances which induces in us the belief that the Eighty-second Anniversary Festival of this Institution will be productive of financial results in excess of those achieved at any of its previous Festivals, nor are we indiscreetly sanguine in suggesting that even the brilliant successes of Bros. Terry and

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vas some eighteen years ago. If we nt, which is the youngest of the three at while in May 1862 the invested little short of £22,000, they now , as we have said, there is an excess, rable as in the case of the Benevolent, ls' School in this respect over that of Here, then, is a principal ground on ocacy of the Boys' School in the pre- ause it is weakest in what should be oints—its permanent resources. Its very great. Nearly the whole ch is required to defray the actual f the respectable balance there ought d to meet unforeseen contingencies, lly by the voluntary contributions of me to which we have gone back for comparison, the permanent income of over than under the one-fourth part hich was about £2,000; now it may one-twentieth part. This is a feature not be without its influence on the ay's Festival.

hed on most, if not all, of the leading with the approaching anniversary of stitution for Boys—the last that will t year—and as we have said, it is not bstantial reasons that we are hopeful ally triumphant success. There is a resident for the day, with one of our to back him up. There is a strong vhich in point of numbers has been which includes the names of several e Masons. It is about time that, in things, Bro. Binckes should come to n, and lastly, but chief reason of all, l why the permanent resources of the reased. May our hopes be realised on grounds!

NIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

CHING BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR.

hole of the four days of next week, h Tuesday and ending with Friday, ern will be given up to a Bazaar and of the funds of the Royal Masonic Fund. This Fund, which owes its vs expressed by the Earl of Rosslyn, Mason of Scotland, when presiding al Festival of the Boys' School, has reat success, chiefly through the un- Grand Officers Past and Present; and brethren in the metropolis and in th five-eighths of the English Provinces their respective Prov. Grand Masters Grand Masters—one or other or both extent and distribution of the patro well not only for the success of next at Freemasons' Hall, but, what is st for the future of the Fund. It wil if, after next week and all these pron Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance F itself a most tangible entity when the Fair held in its aid are events of the pa

The opening ceremony, which is fi Tuesday, will be attended with some stance, and will be carried out by the I Rosslyn, accompanied by their respecti the Lord Mayor, Sir F. Wyatt Trus Warden, and the Sheriffs of London attend in state. During the ceremon given under the direction of Bro. C patronesses include, in addition to the named, the Duchess of Athole, the Inverurie, the Viscountess Doneraile, Grosvenor, Henniker, Arthur Hill, Egerton, Londesborough, Daniel Go Halford, Ridley, F. Perkins, the Bar the Lady Mayoress, as well as Besson, Mrs. J. Studholme Brown Martyn, Mrs. T. W. Tew, Mrs. Gam Mrs. Cornwallis-West, &c. As f ments which will be given, there w them; indeed their number is legio difficulty which the visitor will experi be to see and enjoy them all, if his mind one and his energy and the time at tionate; or if the height of his ambitio to discover which of the entertainment leave unnoticed so as to experience t enjoyment. We have already mentioned the opening ceremony under Bro. C. Ki In addition an Orchestral Band, under will play selections in the large Hall fro daily. A series of Recitals will be give tion of Bros. Edward Terry and Walt be assisted by Bros. Charles Warner Charles Tinney, Messrs. Harry Paulton, James Fernandez, Miss Violet Cameron, Mrs. Keely, &c. The name of the last r be singled out for special notice without of exciting any feeling of jealousy on other artists. She is known to the pres by repute, as a veteran actress of years almost, if not quite, without a rival in th ters she essayed. Only on rare occasion from the life of retirement she has chose years, so that the compliment she pays assisting Bro. Terry is all the more wor

variety of attractive articles, while the "Hit or the Miss" will no doubt be continuous and hearty. The Bazaar Committee is a strong one, and with Bros. J. Constable as Chairman, Dick Radclyffe for Manager, Rev. C. J. Martyn Treasurer, S. Rosenthal President, and G. H. Stephens Vice President, of Stewards, James Stevens Director of Hall and Stall arrangements, R. G. Thomas, manager of New Sadler's Theatre, Director of Entertainments, and W. W. Morgan jun. as Secretary, will, we do not for a moment hesitate to say, be in a position, when all is over, to give an eminently satisfactory account of its arduous labours.

But a description of the approaching series of entertainments, without some explanation of the objects for which they are given would be necessarily incomplete. We have, however, so recently explained these objects, that a mere recapitulation of them must suffice on the present occasion. Indeed, they are sufficiently explained by the title to the Fund, which clearly demonstrates that its promoters are resolved, not on establishing, as many feared would be the case, a Fourth Masonic Charitable Institution, but a supplement to two of those already in existence, namely, the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Lord Rosslyn, when he presided at last year's Festival of the Boys' School, threw out a very practical suggestion to the effect that, while the education and treatment of the Boys were, to the best of his judgment, most creditable to the executive and the educational staff, a certain something was needed in order to complete the good work being done. Many of the pupils on leaving school are friendless, and without the means of turning the education they have received to account; and his Lordship expressed his belief that it would be well if there were some fund provided, out of which meritorious pupils so circumstanced could be assisted. Hence this Fund, the objects of which have now been clearly defined to be (1) "To assist Boys and Girls leaving the Masonic Schools in procuring situations, &c.;" (2) "To advance small amounts to aid in the purchase of tools, outfits, &c., and assist in obtaining apprenticeships, &c." After providing for the administration of the Fund, which is to be vested in "the hands of a Committee to be formed from the existing Committees of the Scholastic Institutions," with power to add to their number, as well as for an annual Report and Audit, the Interim Committee, appointed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the objects of the Fund, express their confident belief that it "will not necessitate a fourth Charity; on the contrary, it is to serve as a supplementary Fund to be dispensed by the Committee." There can now, therefore, be not the slightest doubt it is intended to be altogether subsidiary, and that it will only take cognisance of, and deal with, cases of deserving pupils who, on leaving school, find themselves friendless and without the means to procure situations. Yet there would appear to be those who, in the teeth of this statement, believe as firmly as ever that it is in contemplation to establish a fourth Charity. However, it is not worth while to put their opinions in the scale against the statements made by

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, but without making certain measurements
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tion between the speculative Masonry of to-day
of the earlier ages. However, let us turn
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er parallelisms Bro. Rowbottom considers he
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s. Then the 24-in. gauge or ordinary two-
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to the sacred cubit, which was estimated by
ly 25 inches in length. This 25-in. cubit is the
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sion, or square, of the number 5," a number
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the Pyramids "laid out its base lines on a
it it had for its side lengths just so many
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mbolised a day" and its use in this in-
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quired to make one year of the heaven-
sion of the equinoxes." This "combination
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" is held by Bro. Rowbottom to prove not
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y the Egyptian hierarchs." Hence our
o F.C. Freemason should regard "this
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olitically and commercially it stands
Egypt, the birthplace of the nations, a
civilisation." But still more extraordina
accepted Great Pyramid date of 2170
Mr. Richard A. Proctor, the "beginning of
that gentleman determines "by calculatin
Southern Pole would be central with regar
stellations." It was, too, "in this year
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a Draconis was on the meridian below t
central star of the Pleiades group"—whic
regarded as peculiarly connected with th
according to the Rev. Hugh Macmillan, w
M. Mädler, of Dorpat, the centre of the wh
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ially marked by astronomical phenomena,
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anti-sun, or the point of the heavens oppos
Wherefore, *his time of the year* for making
Taurus stars (the Pleiades), which the sun is
evidently in the autumn."

We have now sufficiently described the vi
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have found space for carrying it further,
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worth carefully studying by those who
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of appreciative readers to justify his further
questions, for the unravelling of, or attem
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It is with great pleasure we beg to
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stitution for Boys. As the sum of one
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shire has evidently determined on mak
of its respected and popular Chief a
total of six hundred and fifty guineas
Lodge Funds looks like a "big thing"
Lathom's

J.D., D'Amico I.G., and Pegano Tyler. A very satisfactory report having been received from the Audit Committee, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the refreshment room, where the installation banquet took place. On the following evening the Masonic Hall at Tunis was the scene of the installation meeting of the Kingston Mark Lodge, No 222. W. Bro. Pentecost opened his Lodge at 6.30 p.m., there being a satisfactory attendance of Officers and members, including the P.G.M. W. Bro. Read P.M. 107, W.M. 262, and P.G.S.W., and W. Bro. Thompson W.M. 387 (I.C. Craft and Mark) represented the English and Irish Mark Masters of Malta, and Bro. Vanx the St. Louis Lodge, No. 254, at Goletta. A ballot for two candidates resulted satisfactorily, and the P.G.M. advanced Bro. Chevalier to the degree of M.M.M. The ceremony completed, Bro. Broadley addressed the members as to the progress of the Lodge in particular, and the Mark Degree in general, since the consecration of the former two years previously. There were now seventy active Mark Masters in Tunis, and he trusted that under the incoming W.M. this prosperity would continue and increase. Bro. Perini was then duly presented in the East, and installed in the chair of A. He then invested the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—Bros. Pentecost I.P.M., Souiller S.W., Le Gallais J.W., Clement M.O., Bokobsa S.O., Sessing J.O., Barsotti Treasurer, Audry Sec., Chaigne S.D., Carriglio J.D., Pollinelly D. of C., Chevalier R.M., Captain Johnston Organist, A. Casnto I.G., and Eymon Tyler. A very hearty salute was accorded to the P.G.M., who had himself advanced to the Mark Degree upwards of sixty brethren in this Lodge alone. Bros. Read and Thompson addressed the brethren on the merits of the degree, and the latter observed that the Grand Chapter of Ireland would be proud of such working as he had witnessed in Tunis. The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was formally adjourned till October, and the brethren repaired to an hotel, where their annual banquet was enjoyed, alike by members and visitors, the P.G.M. occupying the presidential chair.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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BUCKINGHAM LODGE, No. 591.

THE Annual Festival was held on 16th inst., at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present :—Bros. T. W. Robinson W.M., L. Poulton S.W., R. B. Bateman J.W., T. Horwood P.M. Treas., J. Williams P.M. Sec., H. Jowett S.D., J. D. Coates J.D., J. Lawson P.M. D.C., C. K. Page Steward, G. Stratton I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. Rev. O. J. Grace P.P.G. Chaplain, S. G. Payne. Visitors :—Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P. Grand Chaplain, Dep. P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Henry Willis W.M. 948, Major King M. 591. Bro. T. W. Robinson, who has filled the office during the past year, was re-installed into the chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg. The Officers, as above, were invested, and addressed by the Installing Master, who performed the ceremony with his usual ability and precision. There was no business of any importance to be transacted, as this Lodge generally arranges that nothing beyond the ceremony of Installation shall be performed on the day of the Annual Festival, thus giving brethren who live at a distance (of whom there is a large proportion) time to pay to the banquet, and leave for their homes by the last train. The Lodge adjourned to refreshment in the banquetting room, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. A very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by glees, songs, and recitations from various members of the Lodge.

Boys' School, in Stewardship. T brethren, eighty-c banquet and dess Bro. Yardley, th Grace having bee privileged to occu the Worshipful M he is an old memb ciated with the br be spared to cond of his year of offic were proud of. T expressions; he h credit for. It woul After a song from initiate, who had l the members wer acknowledged thi on the list; they pleased to see ther "Simon the Cella the Visitors; he t every other visito Lodge. The W.M. how pleased and had such brethren He had with great the inscription eng a token of the gra cated by each me kind expressions, a toast had met with in time occupy the had worked hard t office he must say wearing the jewel, to promote the int The W.M. then pr present—Bros. Pul enabled the Lodge other P.M.'s were g of them among the then Bro. Pulsfor willing to perform a rare instance in th This could only be follow the example lent speech, follow toast of the Trea only P.M.'s of t measure the succe Bro. Barnes had Wright acknowled proposed the toast to, the Tyler's t after passing a very Bros. C. Glenister W.M. 1155, J. P. and Bucks, J. Wall 180, Wigglesworth J. Phillips 11, H. P 619, Robins 25, Sou 621, H. Keeble P. the Lodge of Ins Thursday evening' at 8. Bros. T. H. P

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of his services. After transacting business of
s, the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the
a banquet of a *récherché* character, presided
lled Worshipful Master Bro. Francis J. C. May,
man being ably discharged by Bro. T. Crowe
ed by the junior officers. Dinner being con-
uded on the table, The Chairman gave in suc-
al and Masonic toasts, all of which were re-
ary honours. Bro. Page then gave "the health
r who was highly esteemed among the brethren,
l his way through the various offices step by step
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dge had in its power to bestow—as a brother un-
l command Malling Abbey Lodge must neces-
Chairman, on rising to respond, met with an
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words Bro. Page had been pleased to say in
e was assured the brethren would believe him
is full determination to endeavour to perform
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y of the duties he had undertaken, and were it
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ssion of good feeling and indulgence during his
d always experienced from them hitherto, he
before accepting the high honour conferred upon
quite inadequate to succeed the many and more
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e year none might regret the proceedings of that
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upon him by the brethren and the high office to
cted him. It was to him, personally, a very
d his only regret was that he felt he was not able
ation on their behalf with that eloquence which
l. Then addressing Bro. Page, the W.M. said :—It
y the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge that the
en the many and valuable services you have, in
d to the Lodge, and the high esteem in which you
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refore, very great pleasure, Bro. Page, in offering
the silver salver, which I now present to you in
ethren of Malling Abbey Lodge. Allow me to
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e which we who were deputed to make the
ents for this presentation to-day had at our
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ar exceeded, and we are therefore able to present
ger basin and sifter, and beg you will accept it
brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge to Mrs. Page.
hard these gifts, not for their intrinsic value, but
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re. Brethren, I therefore now ask you to drink
Page, wishing him many years of health and
er issue the following inscription : Malling Abbey
Presented to Bro. W. Page P.M. P.P.G.J.W., in
of his many years valued services as Honorary
e 1880. The toast was given and received with
urs. Bro. Page, who on rising to respond, was
-nastically, thanked the brethren in his usual
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ank them as he could wish, the gift having come
nexpectedly that he was quite taken aback by this

Sambell, Rumbold, Isaac, Stuart,
opened and the minutes of last meeti
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passing, which will be rehearsed on the
Bro. Appleton having been elected W.
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At the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Th
Bros. Henry E. Tucker Preceptor W.M.
J.W., J. Clarke S.D., Millsom J.D., J. M
Bros. C. Andrews, W. Gardiner, C. K. W
Meadows, C. O. Walter, H. Stephens,
ceremony of initiation was rehearsed,
At the request of the W.M., Bro. Acwort
Andrews P.M., with the assistance of th
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was unanimously elected a member. Br
for Thursday, the 24th inst. The sum
Lodge funds to a distressed brother
amount was considerably increased by th
was closed in due form.

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THE triennial celebration of this Festi
Crystal Palace, has passed off most s
conductorship of Bro. Sir Michael Costa P
Willing P.G.O. presiding at the great orga
The number of those who took part as voca
about 4,500, and the hearty applause besto
each day thronged to the Palace for the pu
of the great Master, fully testified to the
ances. Indeed, the gathering on Friday la
described as a Rehearsal, but which virtua
four days' Festival, gave evidence that the
would be at least equal, if not superior, to
it. Once only had Sir Michael Costa to i
tarily the even tenour of the practice, and
bers were of considerable difficulty, the cho
of veteran choristers. On Tuesday, the
proper, was given the "Messiah," with t
which sublime Oratorio our readers are so f
sary we should say more than that the whol
rably, while Mesdames Albani and Patey,
Mates, Santley, and Foli, to whom the
allotted, evoked well-merited applause by
worthily the beautiful music of the great co
on Wednesday included a long and varied
works, among them being the Dead March
"Rest be the Man"—from "Joseph and
of twelve Concertos for Orchestra, wrote
other numbers were "As the Bright Seraph
Choir, with trumpet obbligato Mr. T. Har
Lyre," by Madame Lemmens-Sherrington,
Trebelli), "Love Sounds the Alarm" (Mr.
an Alarm" (Mr. Edward Lloyd), and "O, F
splendidly given by Mr. Santley. Yesterda
formance of Handel's other great work, "Isr
being Mesdames Lemmens-Sherrington
Williams, and Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Brida
part played by Bros. Sir Michael Costa
brethren to say anything. Our readers kno
capable of doing, and their achievements on

earliest ages.

I hope some one will act on my suggestion, and that before long we shall have Bro. Woodbury's valuable paper carefully annotated and published.

Fraternally yours,

ARCHAICUS.

London, 22nd June 1880.

"DROPPED" WORDS AND LETTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much amused on reading the letter of your correspondent "A P.Z." on the subject of "'Dropped' words and letters." I confess I was amazed when I came to the words he referred to, and could only account for the editorial statement, "we are always sympathetic and never personal" by suggesting to myself the idea that the Editor considered he was "personal" only when he mentioned the name of the person he was writing about. He leaves nothing unsaid in order to make it apparent to his readers whom he is attacking, but he is "never personal," because, forsooth, he never mentions the person's name. Thus, in the case of the recent Girls' School House Committee election, all who took an interest in it knew perfectly well there were only two lists proposed—one of the old Committee by Bro. Case for re-election, and one by Bro. Constable, who proposed the new men. Does the Editor of your contemporary imagine he was not personal, because he did not mention the latter's name when he referred to that brother as being animated by "personal pique," as heading a movement, "influenced by a desire for a petty revenge for a previous defeat," as associated with "a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself?" Was there nothing personal in telling the brother who proposed the new list and who was known to every one, that he and his friends "had much better remain in their own insignificance?" Was there no personality in asking who the brother was who proposed the new men, and what he could have done that he claimed to have a moral or Masonic right thus to attempt to dictate to the enlightened constituency of Life Governors of the Girls' School," when every one knew it was Bro. Constable who proposed the list, and no one else? And when a fortnight since the same editor spoke of the "spleen, perversity, and impudence of others," was not this a direct personal attack on Bro. Constable, whose name was before the public as one of those "others?" If I address myself to my constituents, either by word of month at a public meeting, or in editorial paragraphs in a newspaper, and apply all the harsh terms I can think of to a man of whose personal identity there cannot be the slightest shadow of a doubt, though I never once mention his name, I am quite as personal as if I did. I cannot understand a man of education and presumably well posted in the usages of society being so ignorant as to be unable to distinguish between personality and non-personality. Every one knows, and has known for weeks past, that it was Bro. Constable who proposed the election of the new Committee, and it is all nonsense—I might use a stronger word—to deny the personality of the bitter invective levelled at the head of the proposer, merely because his name was never mentioned.

It may seem undignified to offer advice to one on whom all sensible advice seems thrown away, but I would suggest to the editor of your contemporary that editorial utterances are all the better when, like a jury's verdict or a judge's decision, they are unaccompanied by reasons or explanations.

Yours faithfully,

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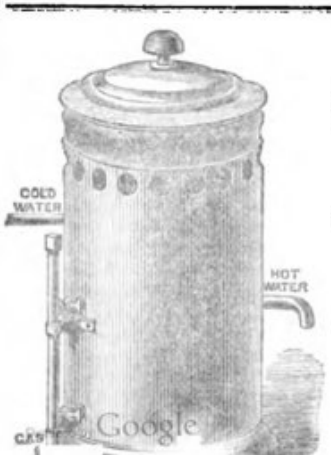
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ANNUAL VISIT OF STEWARDS TO THE R.M.B.I.

ON Wednesday, 16th inst., those brethren who served as Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution paid their customary visit to Croydon, where they experienced a hearty reception at the hands of Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary, and from Bro. Norris the Warden, and Miss Norris. Despite the continuous downpour of rain, several ladies graced the meeting with their presence. Luncheon was served in the Hall, those brethren who arrived first making way for the successive arrivals, until the whole of the guests had been accommodated. Those active members of the House Committee Bros. Raynham W. Stewart and Thomas Cubitt occupied the chair and vice chair respectively, their duties proving very arduous on account of the fresh arrivals of guests. The usual Loyal toasts were given from the chair, and heartfully received, Bro. Stewart remarking upon the honour the ladies had done them by their presence. The toast of success to the Benevolent Institution, coupled with the name of Bro. J. Terry, was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Terry, in thanking the ladies and the brethren for wishing the Institution success in such a hearty manner, could not but express his cordial thanks to the Stewards of the last Festival, to whose exertions were due the grand success of a list amounting to £12,280. This had enabled the Committee to elect fifteen additional annuitants. Bro. Terry reviewed the progress of the Institution, showing how that seven years ago they were enabled to spend but £3,800, they now had charges

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ETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

nittee of the Royal Masonic Institution for r monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on e present Bros. Colonel John Creaton Grand r), Colonel James Peters, S. G. Foxall, Griffiths C. A. Cottebrune, Captain J. Wordsworth, H. dwell, F. Walters, T. F. Peacock, Andrew Mid- E. Lotchworth, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. ave notice of motion for next meeting for rais- drawing mistress from £30 to £40 a year. In of 100 guineas being presented to the Insti- . Brethren Lodge and Chapter, to commemorate e John Boyd and his services to the Institution, notion of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, seconded by established an annual prize of the value of three ted for by the pupils. Ten candidates were election in October, for which there are fifty- eventeen vacancies. The Chairman was autho- for £6000 for the purchase of Lyncombe House, rred to the trustees next Monday. Authority Lyncombe House for £4000. It was stated by the ouse would probably be ready to receive the l children in October. The Committee then

next, the 29th instant, a new Lodge and title of the Claremont Lodge, No. d to the roll of Lodges in the Province place selected for the consecration is the ark-road, Esher, and the ceremony will General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand ho will be assisted by his Deputy, the old, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain. The e are Bros. Thomas Vincent W.M., ning S.W., and James M. Collins J.W. r the commencement of the proceedings brethren from London who may contem- t are advised that a train leaves Waterloo er past twelve o'clock.

f the widows and orphans of the gallant lad in the training ship Atalanta will be dra Palace this day (Saturday). Bros. he Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, ill attend in state. A very full programme

ad transmitted to us the pleasing intel- John Constable, Temple (Mark) Lodge,

the degree of M.M., effect was the Committee appointed to r recognising the services render Secretary to the Lodge, on his ap and Bro. Ohren was invested office in Grand Lodge by the ac The presentation having been acknowledged, and a splendid voted to Bro. Aird, who unfort receive it, Bro. Duff-Filer vacat Bro. J. Walter Sugg P.M., wh instal Bro. William Sugg in th very ably done, and the follow appointed to office for the ens Greene S.W., James Glaisher J Duff-Filer P.M. Sec., Magnus Oh J.D., T. N. Kirkham D.C., G. and Jos. Mainwaring Stewards, customary banquet followed.

On Thursday, the Prince and P panied by their two sons, and att suites, formally opened a new re poor of Whitechapel. His Royal a wish that the visit should be un stration, and the wish was respected of honour of Tower Hamlets Volu and the band of the Whitechapel w as groups of children from the vari bourhood, to the number in all of assembled on the ground itself, the the visit of Royalty to this East En ceremony was of the briefest and si the comparative privacy of the vis nesses, both in going and returning by the crowds assembled.

The Annual Distribution of Prize Royal Masonic Institution will take day), at the School, Wood Green, un the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, of England and Prov. Grand Master kindly undertaken to preside at the next. The programme is of the us cludes Recitations, Part-songs, and th William's one-act farce of "Jack's A'Beckett's "Turned Head." Ful gathering will be given next week.

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arts, for it exercises an influence of almost universal power—an influence that is as delightful as it is instructive and helpful to the children of earth. This has been the general testimony of the great leaders of thought in all ages. In classic days, Plato said, "If you would know whether a State is well governed, you must look into the condition of its music." Martin Luther, stern iconoclast that he was, declared of music, "It is the only art that can calm the agitation of the human soul. It is one of the most magnificent presents God has given to man." Napoleon the First said, "Of all the liberal arts, music has the most potential influence over the passions, and is the one art to which the teacher and the legislator ought to give the greatest attention." Addison spoke of music as being "almost all we have of heaven on earth;" and Shakespeare made an appreciation of music to be in some sense a criterion of virtue, declaring that "he who hath no music in himself, and is not moved by concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils." Similar testimony may be gathered from all lands and ages, so confirming what is almost a self-evident proposition, that music is one of the most potent forces to affect the feelings and affections of men—to mould the character and guide the conduct of life, besides affording a sweet ministry of joy, peace, and pure delight to appreciative souls.

It is interesting to note the history of an art so generally eulogized as a means of power and blessing to men. We do not know where or when music had its beginnings. Doubtless it has been evolved from a lower to a superior state. Like all other arts, it has passed through various periods of growth, change, development. It is probable that the human voice was not as richly gifted and trained in the first ages as now, nor was there any such variety of musical instruments in use. The monotone sounds of the voice, the beating upon a rude kind of a drum, or the sighing of the wind as it swept over the strings tightly drawn from one support to another, may have been the rudimental endeavours at musical expression. But progress was quickly made, and Egypt in its best days was distinguished for the variety and grandeur of its music. In the time of the Pharaohs, there were choirs of trained singers in Egypt, while a number of instruments of a most elaborate character were used in the discoursing of sweet sounds. In some excavations recently made on the banks of the Nile, an ancient tomb was uncovered, wherein was found a sculptured representation of a harp some seven feet in height, having twenty-one strings, thus showing that the ancient Egyptians were privileged to hear musical sounds extending through a much wider range than what is afforded by the modern instrument. The cithera was one of the musical instruments made use of by this ancient people, and hundreds of trained performers with thousands of skilful vocalists united in the producing of harmonious sounds on the occasions of the great Festivals. In the time of Pythagoras, traditionally associated with Masonry, great attention was given to music, and the school of this eminent philosopher was intended to teach the "music of the spheres"—that all things in the outward universe move in harmony, and have their due relation to the science of numbers. Pythagoras had a noble, beautiful idea of celestial harmony, which he unfolded to his disciples, to whom he commended astronomy and music as the most excellent of all the arts and sciences. When Egyptian civilisation was at its culminating point, then music was most exalted, and its influence was most marked among the people. The same may be said in regard to both Greece and Rome, though it does not appear that either of these nations advanced as far as Egypt in musical knowledge, or were so thoroughly moved and captivated by the art.

The ancient Hebrews obtained their knowledge of music during the time they served the Pharoahs. They were versed in the hearts of the Egyptians when they crossed the Red Sea and entered upon their long journey to Palestine. Thus even in the wilderness we find the people chanting the hymns of praise, obtaining both a patriotic and a religious inspiration from those musical exercises in which they engaged. Thus Miriam led in that song of triumph which commemorated the deliverance of her people, chanting the words which Moses had written

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TUESDAY, 29th JUNE.

AIR, at Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., in aid of the Royal Assistance Fund. Opening Ceremony, under the presi- RL OF LATHOM, at 1 p.m.
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ONESDAY, 30th JUNE.

at Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. Open from 1 p.m. to

r Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
pe and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
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mon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
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SDAY, 1st JULY.

Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. Open from 11 a.m. to

e Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
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College, Kennington-road, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
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902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at
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242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Lee
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms Chester-le-stree
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-stre
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
83—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
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SATURDAY, 3rd

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Thursday evening, 17th June, at 7.30. Br
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meeting of this Lodge on the 11th inst., at Bro
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The W.M. then worked the first, second, third
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as W.M. for the second time. On Thursday Bro. E. R. Clarke was installed as W.M. Bro. Clarke was initiated in 1875, appointed I.G. 1877, J.W. in 1878, and S.W. in 1879. In 1877 Bro. Womersley, in the name of Bro. Clarke, who was absent through ill-health, presented a handsomely bound volume of the Sacred Law to the Lodge. Thus the antecedents of the new W.M. are most satisfactory.

At the meeting on Thursday, the 17th inst., after usual routine business had been disposed of Bro. W. Lamborn, the outgoing W.M. very ably installed his successor, and placed that brother in the chair of K.S. with the customary ceremonial. Bro. E. R. Clarke then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. W. Lamborn P.P.G.P. I.P.M. B. Sargent S.W., A. D Womersley J.W., H. G. F. Wells P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Duke P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Sec., C. R. Chandler P.M. P.G.S. D.C., J. Fisher S.D., B. Tree J.D., W. H. Hewitt I.G., J. Fielding Org., and F. Jesson Tyler. Among those present were, in addition to the above, the W.M. and the I.P.M. of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40; Bros. J. G. Horsey W.M., of the Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, East Grinstead; F. Stadden, P.M. of the Prince Edwin Lodge, Hythe; Jas. H Coates P.M. of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, and P.P.G.P. Durham; Captain Hennah I.W. 40; with T. Harwood, F. G. Phillips, F Forss, Dr. Ashenden P.M., F. J. Parsons, C. J. Lewns, R. E. Wilson, H. J. Emmerson, Joseph, R. J. Reed, W. H. Russell, Crosthwaite, all of Derwent No. 40; F. J. Mann, No. 1842, St. Leonards; C.D. Jones P.M., E. H Langley, J. A. Middlemass, B. H. Thorpe P.M., J. B D'Ardenne, W. Freeman, Armstrong, and Till.

The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served at the George Hotel, Battle, great credit being due to the host, Mr. Riley, for the efficient manner in which he catered for the wants of the brethren. Full justice having been done to the dinner, the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, and full honour having been done to these, Brother C. D. Jones proposed the health of the W.M., than whom no one was more worthy of the honour that day conferred upon him. Bro. Clarke returned thanks, and assured the brethren he would endeavour to give every satisfaction. He hoped that during his year of office they would inaugurate a system by which every member of the Abbey Lodge would in time become a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities. He was pleased to note the other day that out of eleven candidates sent up from the Masonic Boys' School, ten passed, and most of them took high honours. The toast of the Visitors, proposed by Bro. Wells, was acknowledged by the W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, who said he always had great pleasure in visiting the Abbey Lodge, and paid a high compliment to its Past Masters. He had never seen better working than Bro. Lamborn's that day. Bro. Reed, of the same Lodge, was also called upon to respond, and, in the course of his remarks, recommended the brethren of the Lodge to join the Provincial Charity Association. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, referred to the great interest taken by those brethren in the Lodge, and said they had been as willing to accept the minor offices after they had passed the chair as before. Bro. Thorpe, whose name was coupled with the toast, regretted the absence, from unavoidable circumstances, of Bro. Lamborn I.P.M. He (Brother Thorpe) as an humble member and one of the founders, was pleased to note the prosperity of the Lodge. They had been mainly instigated to open it by an uncle of his, who was at the time a Mason of forty years' standing and Prov. Grand Treas. of Kent. In the opinion of his uncle Past Masters should not stand idly by, but should be at all times ready to assist in any position. There was not now the same necessity for the Past Masters to act, but they were still there when wanted. He congratulated Bro. Clarke on attaining his present high position in his mother Lodge. Bro. C. W. Duke, in response to loud calls, having also replied, the health of the Treasurer was duly honoured, as were also the other toasts on the list,—the Officers of the Lodge, the Masonic Charities, and the Stewards. The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant gathering to its close.

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We have now touched on most, if not all, of the leading points in connection with the approaching anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—the last that will be held in the current year—and as we have said, it is not without many and substantial reasons that we are hopeful of a more than usually triumphant success. There is a deservedly popular President for the day, with one of our strongest Provinces to back him up. There is a strong body of Stewards, which in point of numbers has been rarely exceeded, and which includes the names of several of our representative Masons. It is about time that, in the natural order of things, Bro. Binckes should come to the front once again, and lastly, but chief reason of all, there is serious need why the permanent resources of the School should be increased. May our hopes be realised on one and all of these grounds!

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE APPROACHING BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR.

DURING the whole of the four days of next week, beginning with Tuesday and ending with Friday, the Freemasons' Tavern will be given up to a Bazaar and Fancy Fair in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. This Fund, which owes its origin to certain views expressed by the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, when presiding last year at the Annual Festival of the Boys' School, has thus far proved a great success, chiefly through the unwearied exertions of its Honorary Secretary, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, who has laboured as few men know how to labour, in order to secure the means necessary for giving practical effect to his lordship's suggestion. So energetically has he worked, that the Fund appeals to the support of the whole Craft, under auspices such as Bro. Radclyffe, even in the utmost fervour of his enthusiasm, could hardly have anticipated. It has secured the patronage of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and his brothers the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Prince Leopold, Past Grand Junior Warden and Prov. Grand Master Oxon. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. Grand Master Somersetshire, has lent the influence of his name to the scheme, as also has the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, who has taken an active part in the preliminary steps in connection with the Fund, and will show himself in a still more prominent capacity on Tuesday next. With these are associated the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, who has taken, and will again take, a foremost place in the organisation of the Fund; the Chiefs of, including those already mentioned, over twenty Masonic Provinces—some of them Scotch—and the Deputy Chiefs of as many more, together with a strong array of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present; and numerous influential brethren in the metropolis and in the country. Indeed, five-eighths of the English Provinces are represented by their respective Prov. Grand Masters and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters—one or other or both of them; so that the extent and distribution of the patronage shown augurs well not only for the success of next week's proceedings at Freemasons' Hall, but, what is still more important, for the future of the Fund. It will be strange, indeed, if, after next week and all these promises of support, the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund does not find itself a most tangible entity when the Bazaar and Fancy Fair held in its aid are events of the past.

The opening ceremony, which is fixed for one p.m. on Tuesday, will be attended with some pomp and circumstance, and will be carried out by the Earls of Lathom and Rosslyn, accompanied by their respective Countesses, while the Lord Mayor, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Grand Junior Warden, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex are to attend in state. During the ceremony a concert will be given under the direction of Bro. C. King-Hall. The patronesses include, in addition to the two ladies we have named, the Duchess of Athole, the Countess Sidney Inverurie, the Viscountess Doneraile, the Ladies Richard Grosvenor, Henniker, Arthur Hill, Mary Wilbraham Egerton, Londesborough, Daniel Gooch, H. St. John Halford, Ridley, F. Perkins, the Baroness Ferrières, and the Lady Mayoress, as well as Madame Fontaine-Besson, Mrs. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Mrs. C. J. Martyn, Mrs. T. W. Tew, Mrs. Gambier, Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. Cornwallis-West, &c. As for the entertainments which will be given, there will be no lack of them; indeed their number is legion, and the chief difficulty which the visitor will experience will doubtless be to see and enjoy them all, if his mind is a comprehensive one and his energy and the time at his disposal proportionate; or if the height of his ambition is less formidable, to discover which of the entertainments he can venture to leave unnoticed so as to experience the minimum loss of enjoyment. We have already mentioned the concert during the opening ceremony under Bro. C. King-Hall's direction. In addition an Orchestral Band, under Bro. W. J. Kent, will play selections in the large Hall from three to five p.m. daily. A series of Recitals will be given under the direction of Bros. Edward Terry and Walter Joyce, who will be assisted by Bros. Charles Warner, Soutar, McLean, Charles Tinney, Messrs. Harry Paulton, Edward Righton, James Fernandez, Miss Violet Cameron, Miss Nelly Farren, Mrs. Keely, &c. The name of the last mentioned lady may be singled out for special notice without the slightest chance of exciting any feeling of jealousy on the part of the other artists. She is known to the present generation only by repute, as a veteran actress of years gone by, who was almost, if not quite, without a rival in the class of characters she essayed. Only on rare occasions has she emerged from the life of retirement she has chosen to live for many years, so that the compliment she pays the Fraternity by assisting Bro. Terry is all the more worthy of our appreciation. Those who have enjoyed the good fortune of hear-

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ing her will welcome her momentary return as it deserves to be welcomed; while those who have not had that same privilege will be the more eager to see a lady who in her day was among the brightest lights of the English stage. Besides these, there are concerts without number, by Bros. Lehmeyer, Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., and Augustus Tamplin; entertainments by Bro. George Buckland, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Bro. Seymour-Smith; vocal and instrumental music by the Pupils' Band and Choir of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; entertainments by the Royal Poland Street and Aquarium Handbell Ringers; a series of amusements and a surprise Aquarium by Bro. Cremer jun.; a Drawing room entertainment by Dr. Lynn; magic lantern entertainments by Bro. Middleton. Professor Faber's Talking Machine will exhibit its powers of conversation; a reception will be given—by the kind permission of Bro. Professor Millar—by Bro. General Tom Thumb, Commodore Knott, Miss Nellie Millar, and party, and there will be a Fine Art Gallery open under the superintendence of Bro. John Constable, as well as a special Stall furnished by Mr. Bland with a great variety of conjuring tricks, suitable for juveniles and adults. Those, however, who wish for a complete list of the different entertainments which will be provided must turn to the Supplement we publish this week, and there they will find the needful information. One name, however, we have passed over—that of the brilliant mistress of song, Mdlle. Zaré Thalberg, who has kindly consented to sing during the gathering. As to the stalls, we understand they will be furnished with an infinite variety of attractive articles, while the "fun of the fair" will no doubt be continuous and hearty. The Bazaar Committee is a strong one, and with Bros. J. Constable as Chairman, Dick Radclyffe for Manager, Rev. C. J. Martyn Treasurer, S. Rosenthal President, and G. H. Stephens Vice President, of Stewards, James Stevens Director of Hall and Stall arrangements, R. G. Thomas, manager of New Sadler's Theatre, Director of Entertainments, and W. W. Morgan jun. as Secretary, will, we do not for a moment hesitate to say, be in a position, when all is over, to give an eminently satisfactory account of its arduous labours.

But a description of the approaching series of entertainments, without some explanation of the objects for which they are given would be necessarily incomplete. We have, however, so recently explained these objects, that a mere recapitulation of them must suffice on the present occasion. Indeed, they are sufficiently explained by the title to the Fund, which clearly demonstrates that its promoters are resolved, not on establishing, as many feared would be the case, a Fourth Masonic Charitable Institution, but a supplement to two of those already in existence, namely, the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Lord Rosslyn, when he presided at last year's Festival of the Boys' School, threw out a very practical suggestion to the effect that, while the education and treatment of the Boys were, to the best of his judgment, most creditable to the executive and the educational staff, a certain something was needed in order to complete the good work being done. Many of the pupils on leaving school are friendless, and without the means of turning the education they have received to account; and his Lordship expressed his belief that it would be well if there were some fund provided, out of which meritorious pupils so circumstanced could be assisted. Hence this Fund, the objects of which have now been clearly defined to be (1) "To assist Boys and Girls leaving the Masonic Schools in procuring situations, &c.;" (2) "To advance small amounts to aid in the purchase of tools, outfits, &c., and assist in obtaining apprenticeships, &c." After providing for the administration of the Fund, which is to be vested in "the hands of a Committee to be formed from the existing Committees of the Scholastic Institutions," with power to add to their number, as well as for an annual Report and Audit, the Interim Committee, appointed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the objects of the Fund, express their confident belief that it "will not necessitate a fourth Charity; on the contrary, it is to serve as a supplementary Fund to be dispensed by the Committee." There can now, therefore, be not the slightest doubt it is intended to be altogether subsidiary, and that it will only take cognisance of, and deal with, cases of deserving pupils who, on leaving school, find themselves friendless and without the means to procure situations. Yet there would appear to be those who, in the teeth of this statement, believe as firmly as ever that it is in contemplation to establish a fourth Charity. However, it is not worth while to put their opinions in the scale against the statements made by a Committee which includes the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Past Grand Master of Scotland, the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., the Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, and other prominent brethren. The latter are in a position to know what are the purposes for which it is intended the Fund should be established; while the former, with nothing but their own vague opinions to guide them, are taking upon themselves the very unusual, and at the same time most ungraceful, part of calling in question statements made public with all the authority which belongs to gentlemen occupying some of the highest positions attainable in the Craft. We leave to these critics the somewhat difficult task of reconciling their opposition in its present form with the usages of society. It is one thing to misapprehend a person's meaning and intention, but it is an unpardonable sin to think of rejecting a statement as clear as language can possibly define it. It is not too late, however, for this unwise opposition to be withdrawn, and we are sure none will more readily forget it was ever offered than those who have laboured most assiduously in the attempt to establish this Fund, and who are consequently the very people whose purpose and motives have been so unreasonably called in question.

We have now explained for the second or third time the objects of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. We have drawn attention to the distinguished and influential patronage it is receiving in all directions, and we have enumerated, as far as space would permit or circumstances may have rendered expedient, the principal entertainments which are held out to the brethren and the ladies who may "assist" at the Bazaar and Fancy Fair of next week in furtherance of the proposed scheme. It may be some will object that Fancy Fairs and Bazaars savour too strongly of the vanities of life. We shall not complain. We should have been prepared for something in the way of opposition, if it had been proposed to give a series of lectures on abstruse scientific subjects, an elaborate dinner, or a concert of vocal and instrumental music. It is the accompaniment of every project which is started. This, however, we will say—that we do not know of a better or more popular kind of entertainment for a purpose of this description than a Bazaar and Fancy Fair, singly or combined. Whenever it is proposed to adopt some pleasant plan for bringing people together with a view to promoting some charitable object a Bazaar or Fair is almost immediately suggested. Every one directly or indirectly interested in its success can take part in it. The fair dames and damsels in charge of stalls have rare opportunities of dispensing their wares and persuasive smiles, and if there is ever any slight hesitation in purchasing the former, there is no resisting the eloquence of the latter. Music, too—we have more than once heard—hath charms to soothe the savage breast, and there is so much of this promised us in connection with this particular Fête that, if any one in returning home from his visit to Freemasons' Tavern, has even the slightest savagery left in his composition he ought to be heartily ashamed of himself. In short, the arrangements, as far as it is possible to judge from the general terms of the programme set forth, seem calculated to afford pleasure to every possible variety of taste. And, given fine weather such as is usually hoped for, if not reckoned on, at this season of the year, the Bazaar and Fair in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund should prove a success among Masonic successes, and these we all know have been both many and considerable. We close these remarks with the expression of our heartiest good wishes for the success of the entertainments of next week at Freemasons' Hall. May all who have even in the slightest degree contributed towards starting this Fund find their reward in the warm approval of their fellows, as well as in the delightful consciousness of having rendered service to the cause of Masonic Charity!

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE June Meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. Senior Vice President, S. Rawson P. Dist. G.M. for China, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. and W. H. Perryman occupying the respective President's chairs. Recommendations to the amount of £435 made at the May meeting were confirmed at the opening of the Lodge. Out of thirty-three new cases twenty-eight were relieved, with a total sum of £870. Five cases were deferred, on account of not being complete.

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REVIEWS.

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The Origin of Masonic Ritual and Tradition as manifested by the Geometrical Design and Symbolism of the Great Pyramid, the Everlasting Pillar, or Temple, of Witness to the Most High. A Lecture by Bro. William Rowbottom, Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 1028. Delivered, by request before the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, in the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 10th February 1879; the Arboretum Lodge, Derby, No. 731, 13th August 1879; and the Royal Alfred Lodge, Alfreton, No. 1028, 25th February 1880 With Notes and Appendix. Alfreton: Printed and Published by and for the Author, of whom only copies can be obtained. 1880.

It would occupy too much of our space if we entered on a long discussion of the interesting matters which Bro. Rowbottom has considered in these pages. There has been always great diversity of opinion as to the objects which the builders of the Pyramids of Egypt had in view in the erection of those stupendous structures. Many have been wont to consider they were built, partly for religious and partly for sepulchral purposes, others for sepulchral only, and others, again, have held they were raised for astronomical purposes. It is obvious that were we to express any opinion on this dispute a well nigh endless controversy would follow, in which all who devoted any attention to the subject would very naturally claim a hearing. It is manifestly desirable, therefore, that we should do no more than indicate the many singular coincidences which have afforded a basis for Bro. Rowbottom's determination of certain important epochs in the world's history, and the numerous measurements of the great Pyramid on which, in their turn, such coincidences are based. It goes without saying that a study of the Pyramids and inquiries into their purposes will always find a multitude of enthusiasts eager to support this or that theory, and Masons especially give the most anxious attention to whatever may help to elucidate their origin and purpose. Egypt, as one of the earliest, if not the earliest home of civilisation, plays a conspicuous part in our Masonic curriculum, for it is generally—we should say rightly—held that Masonry and civilisation have always moved forward hand in hand together. There is, indeed, a fascination about almost everything relating to ancient Egypt, as well as to the mysteries connected with its government, and the inter-relations of its different castes, that it would have been pardonable if the formulators of our Ritual had connected Egypt and Freemasonry together without any show of reason. But the connection is founded on reason, as most brethren will have no hesitation in admitting; though they may not show Bro. Rowbottom's enthusiasm to the extent of considering the "Origin of Masonic Ritual and Tradition" as being "manifested by the Geometrical Design and Symbolism of the Great Pyramid." Just as we are willing to see a connection between Freemasonry and the teachings of Pythagoras and other philosophers, the objects of both being to inculcate the principles of true morality, so, for the same reason, but without making certain measurements of a pyramid the bases of a new or newly elaborated theory, we are willing to see a connection between the speculative Masonry of to-day and the Egyptian cult of the earlier ages. However, let us turn without further preface to the Lecture, and describe, as set forth in it, the very singular coincidences pointed out by Bro. Rowbottom as existing between the Great Pyramid and much that is familiar to our brethren generally.

Passing over the earlier parallelisms Bro. Rowbottom considers he has established, we note the discovery in 1797 of a socket hole at the N.E. angle sunk in the rock on which the Great Pyramid stands for the reception of the corner-stone, which was found to be larger than those at the other angles. Then the 24-in. gauge or ordinary two-foot rule of the Gothic nations approaches the most nearly to the measures in common use to the sacred cubit, which was estimated by Sir Isaac Newton at nearly 25 inches in length. This 25-in. cubit is the ten-millionth part of the earth's radius—the line from its surface to its centre—and is in the opinion of Sir John Herschel "the purest and most ideally perfect standard" measure imaginable. Moreover, 25 is "the perfect expression, or square, of the number 5," a number of infinite virtue among Jews and Masons. With this standard measure the architect of the Pyramids "laid out its base lines on a square of such a size that it had for its side lengths just so many cubits as there are days in the year, viz.: 365·242." Hence the sacred cubit's length "symbolised a day" and its use in this instance affords a perfect parallel with our symbolical application of the gauge in question. The height was then "determined at such an angle that it should be to the perimeter of the base as the radius of a circle is to its circumference," and "this height raised by 10 in its ninth power gives the distance of the earth from the sun round which it revolves yearly." Moreover, the "sum of the diagonals of the base gives the number 25,827"—which is also "given by the circuit measurement of the Pyramid at the King's Chamber level"—and "25,827 solar years are required to make one year of the heavens and to accomplish the precession of the equinoxes." This "combination of such geometric truths and the expression of now well-known, but long-forgotten natural laws," is held by Bro. Rowbottom to prove not only "that the Master builder of the Pyramid had been instructed in deep mysteries," but also to explain "why Masonry and Geometry were in early days synonymous terms, and why the art of building was held peculiarly sacred by the Egyptian hierarchs." Hence our worthy Brother holds that no F.C. Freemason should regard "this agreement between a geometrically-determined building and the universe itself as a matter of coincidence only."

He next takes into consideration the King's Chamber and the ante-chamber leading to it. The floor length of the latter is "116·26 inches, 103·033 of which are of granite. Now the area of a square with 103·033 for its side length is equal to the area of a circle which has 116·26 for its diameter." Then the length of the King's Chamber is given as "412·132," which, "as the side of a square, represents an area equal to that of a circle with a radius of 232·52—the Great Pyramid's height in cubits," while "412 132 as the diameter represents also a circle equal in area to a square, having for its side lengths 365·242—the Great Pyramid's base lines in cubits." The chamber itself is describable as an "oblong square," and contains a coffer, chest, or sarcophagus, also "remarkable for its geometric properties and its earth commensurability; and more particularly for the double solution therein given of the problem of the 'duplication of the cube.'" Thus, as to "its exterior measures," the "whole cubical contents are double those of the interior, and the solid volume equals its capacity, while the solid contents of its sides are double those of the bottom." It also "sets forth the mean density of the earth as 5·70—a scientific fact, ridiculed when first announced, but now confirmed by independent scientific observation." Its capacity measures 71,250 inches, equal to that of our old and now disused "chaldron," the fourth "or 'quarter' of which is still our standard measure for corn." It equals also in capacity "the Ark of the Covenant and the brazen lavers of King Solomon's Temple," from which Bro. Rowbottom deduces the lesson that "all the works of wise and rightly instructed Masons are in harmony with the Universe." The form, too, of the whole building, which is that of a perfect pentagon with its five sides and five points, is also held to be suggestive.

The next point on which the author lays stress is that this Pyramid is "on the centre." Thus, "on its line of longitude there is a greater extent of land surface than on any other line of longitude. . . . . On its parallel of latitude there is also a greater extent of land surface than on any other. By equal surface projection, it is in the centre of the habitable land surface of the globe, while politically and commercially it stands in the central land of Egypt, the birthplace of the nations, and the earliest home of civilisation." But still more extraordinary is it that the "now accepted Great Pyramid date of 2170 B.C." is, according to Mr. Richard A. Proctor, the "beginning of exact astronomy," which that gentleman determines "by calculating the period at which the Southern Pole would be central with regard to the old Southern Constellations." It was, too, "in this year of the foundation of the Great Pyramid that at midnight of the Autumnal Equinox, when *a* Draconis was on the meridian below the Pole, that Alcyone, the central star of the Pleiades group"—which in all ages "have been regarded as peculiarly connected with the fates of men"—"and, according to the Rev. Hugh Macmillan, who gives as his authority M. Mädler, of Dorpat, the centre of the whole Universe, was on the meridian above the Pole, and therefore in that year also coincident with the Vernal Equinox. Thus we have the year 2170 B.C. specially marked by astronomical phenomena, which would not repeat themselves until 25,827 years had run their course." And as the ancients associated the beginning of the year with these Pleiades, and dated it from the Vernal Equinox, the origin of the custom must have dated from the time "when the Spring Equinox was coincident with the noon-culmination of the seven stars—that is, when the sun and the seven stars were on the meridian at the same moment;" and "such was the noon-day of the Spring Equinox in the year of the building of the Pyramid—when the centre of the Earth; the sun, the centre of our solar system; and Alcyone, the reputed centre of the Universe, were on a line." This important fact "was ascertained by the architect of the Pyramid by reference to the heavens at midnight of the Autumnal Equinox," or, as the author, quoting Professor Piazzi Smith, puts it in a note, "by observing the anti-sun, or the point of the heavens *opposite* the sun at midnight. Wherefore, *his time of the year* for making his observations of those Taurus stars (the Pleiades), which the sun is amongst in the spring, is evidently in the autumn."

We have now sufficiently described the views of the author on the subject of his interesting, yet abstruse, lecture. We wish we could have found space for carrying it further, and pointing out more clearly his parallelisms as they affect our Ritual. Our readers, however, do not need that we should be more explicit, and had we pursued our sketch to the end, we should have deprived them of the opportunity of discovering for themselves points of interest to which they were entire strangers. For ourselves, we can only repeat what we have stated at the outset, that the Lecture is well worth carefully studying by those who are versed in Masonic Symbolism. We trust Bro. Rowbottom will find a sufficient number of appreciative readers to justify his further pursuit of other abstruse questions, for the unravelling of, or attempt to unravel which, he seems to possess a most commendable aptitude.

It is with great pleasure we beg to announce that, at an emergency meeting, recently held, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, the sum of Five Hundred Guineas was voted out of the Benevolent Fund of the Province towards the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas had previously been voted from the General Fund towards the same purpose, the Province of West Lancashire has evidently determined on making the presidency of its respected and popular Chief a grand success. A total of six hundred and fifty guineas out of Prov. Grand Lodge Funds looks like a "big thing," in aid of the Earl of Lathom's powerful advocacy of the cause of "Our Boys," on Thursday next.

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THE closing meetings of the various English Masonic bodies in the Regency of Tunis have taken place with much success, and all work is now virtually suspended till the early part of October. The last meeting of the "Ancient Carthage" Lodge was held on the 9th June. The W.M. Dr. Perini D.G.S.W. presided, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Masons of Malta were represented by W. Bros. W. Read P.M. 407 D.G. Reg. and C. Thompson W.M. and Z. 387 I.C. At this meeting the Baron Constantine D'Ortes was initiated, and Bro. Daumas passed to the F.C. degree. The Permanent Committee reported a balance of nearly £100 in hand, that about £20 had been dispensed in charity, and that the disbursements for refreshment during the year were nil. The present number of active members is seventy-four, divided as to nationality as follows, viz.:—English 14, French 26, Italian 25, Greek 1, German 1, Portuguese 1, and Tunisian 6. The distribution as to Creed is also given, viz., Roman Catholics 37, Protestants 7, Israelites 28, Greek Church 1, and Muhamedan 1. The utmost harmony prevails in the Lodge, which will soon enter on its fourth year of existence. On Friday, the 11th inst., the installation meeting of the "William Kingston" Lodge, at the Goletta, took place. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Barker D.G.S.D. and his Officers, at 7 p.m., assisted by a full attendance of members. A handsome banner, bearing the heraldic emblems of Ancient Carthage, was unfurled for the first time. At the request of the W.M., Bro. W. Read P.D.G.R. assumed the gavel and installed Bro. Broadley P.M. and Z. 1717 P.D.D.G.M. in the chair of K.S., being assisted by W. Bros. T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, Dr Perini W.M. 1717, and Barker P.M. 1835. The usual salutes having been given, complimentary speeches were made by the above-named brethren, as well as by Bro. Souiller S.W. 1717. The W.M., with appropriate remarks, invested the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Barker I.P.M., Carletto S.W., Engerer J.W., Durazzano Treasurer, Ayra Secretary, Villareale D. of C., Attard S.D., Vaux J.D., D'Amico I.G., and Pegano Tyler. A very satisfactory report having been received from the Audit Committee, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the refreshment room, where the installation banquet took place. On the following evening the Masonic Hall at Tunis was the scene of the installation meeting of the Kingston Mark Lodge, No 222. W. Bro. Pentecost opened his Lodge at 6.30 p.m., there being a satisfactory attendance of Officers and members, including the P.G.M. W. Bro. Read P.M. 107, W.M. 262, and P.G.S.W., and W. Bro. Thompson W.M. 387 (I.C. Craft and Mark) represented the English and Irish Mark Masters of Malta, and Bro. Vaux the St. Louis Lodge, No. 254, at Goletta. A ballot for two candidates resulted satisfactorily, and the P.G.M. advanced Bro. Chevalier to the degree of M.M.M. The ceremony completed, Bro. Broadley addressed the members as to the progress of the Lodge in particular, and the Mark Degree in general, since the consecration of the former two years previously. There were now seventy active Mark Masters in Tunis, and he trusted that under the incoming W.M. this prosperity would continue and increase. Bro. Perini was then duly presented in the East, and installed in the chair of A. He then invested the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Pentecost I.P.M., Souiller S.W., Le Gallais J.W., Clement M.O., Bokobsa S.O., Sessing J.O., Barsotti Treasurer, Audry Sec., Chaigne S.D., Carriglio J.D., Pollinelly D. of C., Chevalier R.M., Captain Johnston Organist, A. Casuto I.G., and Eymon Tyler. A very hearty salute was accorded to the P.G.M., who had himself advanced to the Mark Degree upwards of sixty brethren in this Lodge alone. Bros. Read and Thompson addressed the brethren on the merits of the degree, and the latter observed that the Grand Chapter of Ireland would be proud of such working as he had witnessed in Tunis. The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was formally adjourned till October, and the brethren repaired to an hotel, where their annual banquet was enjoyed, alike by members and visitors, the P.G.M. occupying the presidential chair.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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BUCKINGHAM LODGE, No. 591.

THE Annual Festival was held on 16th inst., at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present:—Bros. T. W. Robinson W.M., L. Poulton S.W., R. B. Bateman J.W., T. Horwood P.M. Treas., J. Williams P.M. Sec., H. Jowett S.D., J. D. Coates J.D., J. Lawson P.M. D.C., S. K. Page Steward, G. Stratton I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. Rev. O. J. Grace P.P.G. Chaplain, S. G. Payne. Visitors:—Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P. Grand Chaplain, Dep. P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Henry Willis W.M. 948, Major King P.M. 591. Bro. T. W. Robinson, who has filled the office during the past year, was re-installed into the chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg. The Officers, as above, were invested, and addressed by the Installing Master, who performed the ceremony with his usual ability and precision. There was no business of any importance to be transacted, as this Lodge generally arranges that nothing beyond the ceremony of Installation shall be performed on the day of the Annual Festival, thus giving brethren who live at a distance (of whom there is a large proportion) time to stay to the banquet, and leave for their homes by the last train. The Lodge adjourned to refreshment in the banquetting room, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. A very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by glees, songs, and recitations from various members of the Lodge.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

THE installation meeting of this well established Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Present:—Bros. R. S. Smith W.M., R. Harris S.W., A. Stewart J.W., A. Wright P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Pulsford P.M. Secretary, R. Fortune S.D., Holloway J.D., C. H. Wilkes I.G., Austin D.C.; Past Masters Walter, R. Clark, J. Wright, H. Potter, Macdonald, Wise, and a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Anstey (late 1158) was elected a joining member, and Bro. Greenham was raised to the third degree. During the ceremony a hymn was chanted, Bro. Stacey P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks accompanying on the harmonium. The W.M. gave, very impressively, the traditional history. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. R. Harris S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and in the presence of eighteen Worshipful Masters and Past Masters was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. in a manner that well merited the encomiums passed at the conclusion by the brethren and visitors. The addresses were listened to with great attention, and were fully appreciated by all present. On the readmission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. S. Smith I.P.M., Stewart S.W., Fortune J.W., A. Wright P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Pulsford P.M. Secretary (for the eleventh time), Holloway S.D., Wilks J.D., Block I.G., Austin W.S., Edis D.C., Millard Organist, Stead Tyler. The W.M. showed his qualifications for office by the appropriate manner in which he invested his Officers and the applause given on their investiture, showed the Wor. Master had made a happy selection. A ballot having been previously taken for the admission of Mr. T. Spearing, the newly installed W.M. initiated that gentleman into the Order. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. The Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge showed a balance of £60 3s 3d. Bro. Wise P.M. stated that Bro. W. H. Sharman, who is a Steward for the Boys' School, has on his list nearly £90, this being his second Stewardship. The Lodge was closed until September, and the brethren, eighty-eight in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Roberts, and superintended by Bro. Yardley, the wines and viands being of first-rate quality. Grace having been said, Bro. Smith said it was the first time he was privileged to occupy the chair as I.P.M., and to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Those who knew Bro. Harris respected him; he is an old member of the Lodge, and, indeed, had been longer associated with the brethren than he (Bro. Smith). He trusted he might be spared to conduct the duties of the Lodge, and at the conclusion of his year of office the members might say they had elected one they were proud of. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Smith for his kind expressions; he hoped to realise all that worthy brother had given him credit for. It would be a pleasure to him to follow so good an example. After a song from Bro. Barnes, the W.M. proposed the toast of the initiate, who had been introduced by a very old P.M., Bro. Wright; the members were pleased to see him. Bro. Spearing suitably acknowledged this compliment. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list; they were a numerous body, but the members were pleased to see them all. Bro. Walter P.M. here sang very artistically "Simon the Cellarer." Bro. Probyn, No. 11, responded on behalf of the Visitors; he thanked the W.M. for his hospitality; he as well as every other visitor was fully impressed with the working of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M., remarking how pleased and gratified the brethren were with him; while they had such brethren at the head of affairs, the Lodge must prosper. He had with great pleasure to place on Bro. Smith's breast a jewel; the inscription engraved on it expressed that it should be accepted as a token of the gratitude of the Lodge, a feeling which was reciprocated by each member. Bro. Smith, in thanking the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the enthusiastic reception the toast had met with, said he hoped to see many of the members present in time occupy the chair of the Lodge. He felt it a great pleasure, and had worked hard to attain the position of W.M. During his year of office he must say he had felt satisfied; he was now doubly so. While wearing the jewel, he should feel it his bounden duty to do all he could to promote the interests of the members of the Southern Star Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; there were nine present—Bros. Pulsford and Wise were both good Preceptors, and had enabled the Lodge to reach its present standard of working. The other P.M.'s were good and worthy brethren, and he hoped to see all of them among them for many years. Bro. Bertolli here sang, and then Bro. Pulsford responded; the P.M.'s were always ready and willing to perform any duties required of them. However, it was a very rare instance in their Lodge when a W.M. did not instal his successor. This could only be done by hard work, and he hoped to see the W.M. follow the example of his predecessors. Bro. Wise P.M., in an excellent speech, followed. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. These brethren were not only P.M.'s of the Lodge, but it was to them in a great measure the success of the Lodge was to be ascribed. After Bro. Barnes had favoured the company with a song, Bro. Wright acknowledged the compliment, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, which having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after passing a very enjoyable evening. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. C. Glenister 720, G. Morley 1417, L. B. Bower 1310, W. Bray W.M. 1155, J. P. Day 1327, Whaley 172, G. Stacey P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, J. Wallace 1687, C. N. Harvey P.M. 795, Farwig P.M. 180, Wigglesworth P.M. 975, P. Parsons P.M. 749, Tomkins 1711, T. Phillips 11, H. Probyn 11, Collings 1535, Raiment 1558, Alexander 619, Robins 25, Southy 1804, Symes 554, A. Eldridge 1585, J. Cross 634, H. Keeble P.M. 73, 1275, 1559, &c., and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge meets every Thursday evening at Bro. Block's, Crown Tavern, Blackfriars-road, at 8. Bros. T. H. Pulsford and Wise are the Preceptors.

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MALLING ABBEY LODGE, No. 1063.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was held at the Bear Hotel, West Malling, Kent, on Wednesday the 16th inst. There was a good attendance of the brethren and visitors, including the following: — Bros. E. T. Luck, F. J. C. May, E. B. Smith, W. Page, A. Spencer, B. S. Wilmot, G. Langridge, R. Clout, H. Garrod, J. A. Thornhill, J. Hodgson, W. Monckton, F. Spencer, J. S. Anscomb, G. Friend F. Cheal, A. E. Anderson, B. Norton, N. Paddon, T. Crowe, J. E. Meredith, W. Jude, D. W. Langton, W. S. Monckton, W. B. Langridge, A. M. Dorman, R. B. Stedman, J. Shrubsole, J. Tillyer, and R. Pointer. The Lodge was opened in the usual form by Bro. E. T. Luck W.M., who afterwards vacated the chair, which was then occupied by the installing Master, Bro. B. Sidney Wilmot P.M. P.G.R. Bro. Francis J. C. May, the W.M. elect, who had been unanimously elected to fill that office at the previous meeting of the Lodge, was then presented by Bro. A. Spencer P.M. P.G.S., and was duly installed by Bro. Wilmot, who rendered the ceremony in his usual effective and impressive manner. The newly installed Master then invested the I.P.M., and subsequently his Officers as follow:—Bros. Rev. J. H Timins, Chaplain, Hon. R. Nevill Treasurer, W. Page Secretary, T. Crowe S.W., J. E. Meredith J.W., G. Friend S.D., W. Jude J.D., W. B. Langridge I.G., D. W. Langton D.C., W. S. Monckton S., and R. Pointer Tyler. The several officers were duly installed by Brother Wilmot, who also gave the Charges to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren. A vote of thanks to Bro. Luck I.P.M., for the able manner in which he had presided during the past year, was proposed by Bro. A. L. Spencer, and carried unanimously. The W.M. (Bro. May) thereupon addressed a few words to Bro. Luck, and on behalf of the Lodge presented him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been previously and unanimously voted to him by the brethren in recognition of his services. After transacting business of the usual formal nature, the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet of a *récherché* character, presided over by the newly installed Worshipful Master Bro. Francis J. C. May, the duties of vice-chairman being ably discharged by Bro. T. Crowe S.W., who was supported by the junior officers. Dinner being concluded, and dessert placed on the table, The Chairman gave in succession the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were received with the customary honours. Bro. Page then gave "the health of the W.M." as a brother who was highly esteemed among the brethren, and who having worked his way through the various offices step by step to the top, was in every way worthy of the honour conferred on him—the highest honour the Lodge had in its power to bestow—as a brother under whose guidance and command Malling Abbey Lodge must necessarily prosper. The Chairman, on rising to respond, met with an enthusiastic reception. He heartily thanked Bro. Page for the kind way in which he had submitted his name to the brethren, and as heartily thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received it. He felt that he really did not deserve half the kind words Bro. Page had been pleased to say in respect to him, yet he was assured the brethren would believe him when he said it was his full determination to endeavour to perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He quite understood the responsibility of the duties he had undertaken, and were it not that he knew he might rely on receiving from the brethren of the Lodge the same expression of good feeling and indulgence during his year of office as he had always experienced from them hitherto, he would have hesitated before accepting the high honour conferred upon him, feeling himself quite inadequate to succeed the many and more illustrious brethren, who had preceded him, brethren who, from their social position and attainments, had added so much lustre and prestige to Malling Abbey Lodge. He assured the brethren he would do his best to carry out the Masonic duties pertaining to the office in such a manner that at the end of the year none might regret the proceedings of that day. The W.M. then craved the attention of the brethren for a few moments, that he might, before he sat down, perform the very pleasing duty thrust upon him by the brethren and the high office to which they had elected him. It was to him, personally, a very pleasurable duty, and his only regret was that he felt he was not able to make the presentation on their behalf with that eloquence which the occasion required. Then addressing Bro. Page, the W.M. said:—It has long been felt by the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge that the time has arrived when the many and valuable services you have, in many ways, rendered to the Lodge, and the high esteem in which you are so justly held by the brethren, should be marked in a substantial manner. I have, therefore, very great pleasure, Bro. Page, in offering for your acceptance the silver salver, which I now present to you in the name of the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge. Allow me to supplement what I have already said by stating that owing to the short length of time which we who were deputed to make the necessary arrangements for this presentation to-day had at our disposal, it was necessary to some extent to anticipate the amount of the subscriptions. It will be very gratifying to you to learn that our anticipations were far exceeded, and we are therefore able to present to you this silver sugar basin and sifter, and beg you will accept it as a present of the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge to Mrs. Page. We trust you will regard these gifts, not for their intrinsic value, but as a mark of the brotherly love, and high esteem of the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge. Brethren, I therefore now ask you to drink the health of Bro. Page, wishing him many years of health and happiness. The salver bore the following inscription: Malling Abbey Lodge, No. 1063. Presented to Bro. W. Page P.M. P.P.G.J.W., in grateful recognition of his many years valued services as Honorary Secretary. 16th June 1880. The toast was given and received with the customary honours. Bro. Page, who on rising to respond, was greeted most enthusiastically, thanked the brethren in his usual eloquent style, for the handsome present just made him, stating that he could not thank them as he could wish, the gift having come before him so unexpectedly that he was quite taken aback by this kind expression of good fellowship by the brethren. Bro. A. Spencer then proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Luck, in an effective speech, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. E. B. Smith, in the absence of Bro. Luck. The W.M. explained to the brethren the peculiar circumstances which had compelled Bro. Luck to retire, and offered an apology for his absence in accordance with his promise to Bro. Luck. The W.M. next gave the health of the Installing Master Bro. Wilmot, in a brief speech personally thanking him for his kindness in coming so far to perform those duties, and referred to the impressive way in which he had given the ritual of the ceremony, and the effect it had on the Worshipful Master, which must have been evident to the brethren generally. The toast was drunk as a bumper, with the usual honours. Bro. Wilmot suitably acknowledged the compliment, and stated it was a great pleasure to him to come to Malling Abbey Lodge as Installing Master, and that he would always readily respond to their call for a like purpose in the future. The W.M. then gave in succession, The Visiting Brethren, the Past Masters of Malling Abbey Lodge, the Wardens, and the Junior Officers, all of which were duly honoured and responded to. The Tyler's toast was then given, and this concluded one of the happiest and most successful of the meetings of Malling Abbey Lodge. We are desired to express the sincere thanks of the brethren to Bro. R. Clout P.M. 72, 507, 1063, the acting member of the Dinner Committee, for the admirable manner in which he had evidently understood and provided for the comfort and happiness of the brethren on this occasion. The banquet was served in splendid style by Mr. H. De Carteret, the manager of the Mitre Hotel, Maidstone.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—Met at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, on the 24th June. Bros. Skirving W.M., Appleton S.W., Witts J.W., De Solla S.D., Jolly J.D., Field I.G., Bond Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Ball, Lambourne, Taylor, Sambell, Rumbold, Isaac, Stuart, Whiting. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Stuart worked the ceremony of passing, which will be rehearsed on the last Thursday in every month. Bro. Appleton having been elected W.M. for next Thursday, Lodge was closed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 17th inst., present:—Bros. Henry E. Tucker Preceptor W.M., A. Jones S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., J. Clarke S.D., Millsom J.D., J. M. Mitchell I.G.; Past Masters Bros. C. Andrews, W. Gardiner, C. K. Woodey; Bros. E. J. Acworth, Meadows, C. O. Walter, H. Stephens, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. O. Walter candidate. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Acworth delivered the charge. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the W.M. and brethren, worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. C. O. Walter was unanimously elected a member. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for Thursday, the 24th inst. The sum of 20s was voted from the Lodge funds to a distressed brother who sought assistance; this amount was considerably increased by the brethren present. Lodge was closed in due form.

HANDEL FESTIVAL.

THE triennial celebration of this Festival, held, as usual, at the Crystal Palace, has passed off most successfully, under the able conductorship of Bro. Sir Michael Costa P.G.W. P.G.O., Bro. C. E. Willing P.G.O. presiding at the great organ with his wonted ability. The number of those who took part as vocalists in the celebration was about 4,500, and the hearty applause bestowed by the audience which each day thronged to the Palace for the purpose of hearing the works of the great Master, fully testified to the excellence of the performances. Indeed, the gathering on Friday last, which is conventionally described as a Rehearsal, but which virtually converts a three into a four days' Festival, gave evidence that the Handel Celebration of 1880 would be at least equal, if not superior, to those which had preceded it. Once only had Sir Michael Costa to intervene and stay momentarily the even tenour of the practice, and though many of the numbers were of considerable difficulty, the chorus sang with the precision of veteran choristers. On Tuesday, the first day of the Festival proper, was given the "Messiah," with the solos and choruses of which sublime Oratorio our readers are so familiar that it is unnecessary we should say more than that the whole performance went admirably, while Mesdames Albani and Patey, Messrs. Barton McGuckin, Mens, Santley, and Foli, to whom the solo parts were severally allotted, evoked well-merited applause by their efforts to interpret worthily the beautiful music of the great composer. The programme on Wednesday included a long and varied selection from Handel's works, among them being the Dead March in "Samson," Chorus—"Blest be the Man"—from "Joseph and his Brethren," and No. 1 of twelve Concertos for Orchestra, written in 1739. Among the other numbers were "Let the Bright Seraphim," by Madame Adelina Patti, with trumpet obbligato by Mr. T. Harper; "O, had I Jubal's Lyre," by Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, "Lead, to Thee" (Madame Trebelli), "Love Sounds the Alarm" (Mr. Vernon Rigby), "Sound an Alarm" (Mr. Edward Lloyd), and "O, Ruddier than the Cherry," splendidly given by Mr. Santley. Yesterday was devoted to the performance of Handel's other great work, "Israel in Egypt," the soloists being Mesdames Lemmens-Sherrington and Patey, Miss Anna Williams, and Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Bridson and E. King. Of the part played by Bros. Sir Michael Costa and C. E. Willing it is needless to say anything. Our readers know too well what they are capable of doing, and their achievements on this occasion were quite equal to any which have gone before.

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aprons, scarves, and the like, they must have been greatly disappointed. The chair was taken by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, who was loyally supported, not only by the brethren of his own Province, but also by representatives of Lodges both in London and the other Provinces, the number of those that sat down to dinner being between 500 and 600. The success of the gathering may be said to have been assured some time before the eventful day itself arrived. We believe we are right in stating that never before has there been so large a Board of Stewards as there was at the Festival of Thursday, when it consisted of upwards of three hundred brethren; so that if their lists only averaged £40 apiece, a sum of £12,000, or considerably more than had been reached either last year or the year before for the School, was certain. As will be seen, however, this was greatly exceeded, and Bro. Binckes has the satisfaction of taking the place of honour for the current year, the amount of his Festival subscriptions being over £14,000, or some hundreds in excess of the sum realised by Bro. Hedges, while Bro. Terry, who took the lead last year, though he has done extremely well, has to content himself with bringing up the rear. We congratulate Bro. Binckes most heartily on the success which has attended his efforts on this occasion. He it is who first led the way into five figures, and although we cannot always look forward to his continuing the lead, it is only natural that he and his numerous well-wishers and supporters should look to his being in his turn at the top of the tree. We can well understand that the Secretaries of our Institutions regard each other as rivals, but their rivalry is an honourable one, and the first and heartiest in offering their congratulations to the most successful for the year are invariably the two whom he has defeated. There is another matter to be mentioned, as a fit subject for congratulation. As the year 1880 can boast of the most numerous Board of Stewards ever organised at any of our Festivals, so can it point with pride to the aggregate amount of subscriptions to our three annual Festivals as being the largest in any single year, the grand total for the three Institutions being quite £40,000, of which, as we have said, £14,000 fell to the share of "Our Boys." But to direct our attention more particularly to the meeting of Thursday. The weather, if a little inconstant, was, on the whole, satisfactory, and although the visit to the Crystal Palace was not of the ordinary kind, we all know that when going to so delightful a neighbourhood, it is all the better if there are some rays of sunshine, especially when those bright beams make glad the heart of brethren and their fair friends, whose special object it is on that particular occasion to do all they can towards gladdening the hearts of the poor orphan. As to the arrangements it is not to be wondered at, considering that Bros. Bertram and Roberts had the making of them, that they gave every satisfaction. In spite of the strong muster, there was elbow room, and to

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interest they do in this Institution—I appear
on the toast of Prosperity to the Royal Masonic
on its Eighty-second Anniversary. Brethren, it is
me to go into a history of the origin, the rise, and
s Institution. You all see in the Report that has
how this Institution started with a very small
he year 1798, this Institution began by providing
orking of six boys. Since then it has gradually
till here we find in the Report now presented to
at present consists of 215 boys. From that it
e be a steady increase in the number of pupils
e not the slightest hesitation in saying that with
e popularity of Freemasonry throughout this

that very large sums are expended i
tainments of one kind and another.
entertainments, I have no objection
ever they may be; but I say that t
to come out of the Lodge funds. I s
ought to be kept up for the simple
sisters in our proceedings. They make
duty in the way of Charity, and we ough
our female relations; but I say it ough
scriptions; it ought not to come out
They don't.]—With these few words,
to heart, and in future years we shal
these Institutions—(Applause). Bret
pleasure of going down to Wood Gre
away the prizes to the boys of thi
had no opportunity of seeing or
the different parts of their educa
from the lists presented to me;
saw before me as healthy a set
wish to set eyes upon. I saw s
faces, all looking forward to their ho
to come up and receive their prize
best to amuse the company with their
praise I could on that occasion. I wi
say that I think the Head Master a
thoroughly done their duty. If you t
you will see the result of the Cambridg
highly creditable to Dr. Morris and h
up. I think I am right in saying, eleve
nine in the honour list. Now, the wh
such a show as that. There is one o
words to you upon, and that is a sch
and that has been brought to a head-
Assistance Fund. (Cheers.) I know,
great opposition to this Fund, I own t
myself was opposed to it, but as time
Bro. Dick Radclyffe was working,
that the scheme would be carried
lines, that I then took and myself hai
support; and I say, brethren, I think
Assistance Fund, if carried out as I beli
laid down by the Committee, will be of re
of the Fund is simply this—to raise a su
better; to raise a sum of money which
of the Boys' and the Girls' Schools to g
deserving boy or girl on leaving the Sch
future career. It was at first thought th
Charity. It is not a fourth Charity, an
the sort; we are to have no Governors o
to have a certain sum of money so as to
get on either in College life, to give them
them into the Army, or whatever their
in the like way. This money we propose t
of the two Committees of the Boys' and
for them to determine who are deservi
applause). No doubt all of you are aware
a Bazaar is being held in furtherance of t
has gone already for two days, and there
which it may be held. I can only hope th
two days will exceed the product of the da
held. I do not say it has been quite so s
desired, but I do say this, that the money
time has completely cleared all expenses
original fund subscribed unincided (ap
we can manage, by means of this Bazaar
to get a sum of £30,000, we should then
that is wanted. It is not a large sum
or £50 a year will do all we want.

Col. Shadwell Clarke, in proposing the next toast, said,—Ladies and Brethren, I am quite sure this evening that the feeling uppermost in our hearts at the present moment is that of intense delight at the magnificent list which has just been read. You will all join with me in offering our thanks to the Executive of this honourable Institution, and more especially to our most able and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Binckes. I will now take the opportunity of asking you to recognise the services of those brethren whom I may call the busy bees of our Institution, and to whose able services the prosperity of our Boys' School is so greatly indebted. I, therefore, ask you, brethren, to join with me in drinking to the health of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, and members of Committees, and to take the opportunity of thanking them for their continuous and highly meritorious services for the well-being of the Institution. I beg to couple with it the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Raynham Stewart having responded, the Earl of Lathom said,—Ladies and Brethren, there is one toast I cannot refrain from giving to you this evening, and that is success to the other Masonic Institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This Institution has headed the list this year; it has been beaten before, but I am happy to see the healthy rivalry going on between the various Institutions. I will not detain you for one single moment, but give you the toast of the other Institutions, and couple with it the name of Bro. Terry.

The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Terry in response said,—My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, permit me to thank you very heartily and very sincerely for the manner in which the toast of success to the other Masonic Institutions has been proposed by the president. Permit me also, as a colleague of Bro. Binckes (Secretary of the Boys' School), to congratulate him upon the success of his efforts this evening, resulting in the enormous sum of £14,002. My Lord, it is one of the most gratifying things to know that whenever your Lordship has officiated as president of either of our Festivals, that Festival has been the one of the year. Ladies and Brethren, I thank you heartily for the manner in which you have received the toast, and although I have the misfortune this year to stand No. 3 on the list, I hope in 1881 that the Benevolent Institution will be No. 1.

The remaining toasts, namely, those of "The Board of Stewards" and—as a matter of course, "The Ladies"—having been given and acknowledged, the guests rose for the purpose of witnessing one of those displays of fireworks for which the Palace is so famous.

JAMAICA.

SINCE the death of the District Grand Master of East Jamaica a gloom has fallen over the members of the Order. The Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica and Grand Principal H. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Jamaica (the Right Worshipful and Most Ex. Bro. Altamont De Cordova) has issued orders that all brethren and Companions under the English Constitution shall appear in mourning, also the Lodges to be draped in black, for six months. The Prov. Grand Master for Scotland in Jamaica and Greytown (the Right Worshipful Bro. Hon. S. C. Burke) has issued orders to all brethren under the Scottish Constitution to appear in mourning for three months. Ill. Bro. Capt. W. P. Dadson 32 Recorder has issued notice to all members of the Rose Croix to wear mourning (crape rosette on the collar and apron) for six months. The Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica (Right Worshipful Bro. A. De Cordova) invited the members of the Masonic Fraternity to a meeting held on 15th June, at the Friendly Hall, that arrangements might be made for a suitable memorial in testimony of the regard and esteem in which the brethren of the Craft held their late District Grand Master.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, to receive the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the office duties and emoluments of Collector. Colonel Creaton presided, and the other brethren present were James Brett, W. Hale, R. H. Giraud, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Case, C. J. Perceval, John Henry Leggott, Henry Cox, Thomas Cubitt, F. Adlard, G. Bolton, Henry G. Warren, John Bulmer, John G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles Atkins, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Lacey, John L. Mather, John Constable, Charles Daniel, William Clarke, J. A. Farnfield, Julius Quitmann, James Kench, Colonel H. E. Somerville Burney, Louis Stean, W. Hilton, E. J. Barron, W. F. C. Montrie, Charles Frederick Hogard, Edgar Bowyer, Captain N. G. Philips, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. G. Dilley, and James Terry Secretary. After considerable discussion the resolutions, of which the following is a summary, were agreed to :—That a collector be appointed; that he be a Master Mason, that his age at the time of election be not less than 25, or over 45 years; that his duties be to collect all annual subscriptions as well as the donations remaining unpaid on the Stewards' lists after the settling day; that he report himself at the office every morning at ten o'clock and sign his name, and be in attendance on Tuesdays and Fridays from eleven a.m. till two p.m.; that he keep the alphabetical register of subscribers and donors, whether of Lodges or individuals; that he attend the office upon all other occasions to render assistance when required by the Secretary; that he give security for £500 in some approved guarantee society, the premium to be paid by the Institution; that he be paid a commission of five per cent. upon all sums actually received by him, but not any upon amounts paid into the office, and for which receipts are given by the Secretary; that the address of the collector be at the office of the Institution; that the Secretary be empowered to advertise in the daily papers, inviting candidates for the office whose qualifications must be in accordance with the foregoing recommendations; that he be not permitted to hold any other office for which he receives remuneration; and that his accounts be made up once a week, and the monies received by him paid into the bankers every Friday.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday. There were present Bros. Colonel John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Colonel James Peters, S. G. Foxall, Griffiths Smith, H. A. Dubois, C. A. Cottebrune, Captain J. Wordsworth, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. Walters, T. F. Peacock, Andrew Middlemass, John Mason, E. Letchworth, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. Bro. Griffiths Smith gave notice of motion for next meeting for raising the salary of the drawing mistress from £30 to £40 a year. In consequence of a sum of 100 guineas being presented to the Institution by the Prudent Brethren Lodge and Chapter, to commemorate the memory of the late John Boyd and his services to the Institution, the brethren, on the motion of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, seconded by Bro. Colonel Peters, established an annual prize of the value of three guineas, to be competed for by the pupils. Ten candidates were placed on the list for election in October, for which there are fifty-four candidates and seventeen vacancies. The Chairman was authorised to sign a cheque for £6000 for the purchase of Lyncombe House, which will be transferred to the trustees next Monday. Authority was given to insure Lyncombe House for £4000. It was stated by the Chairman that this house would probably be ready to receive the twenty-five additional children in October. The Committee then adjourned.

On Tuesday next, the 29th instant, a new Lodge bearing the style and title of the Claremont Lodge, No. 1861, will be added to the roll of Lodges in the Province of Surrey. The place selected for the consecration is the School Room, Park-road, Esher, and the ceremony will be performed by General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, who will be assisted by his Deputy, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain. The Officers designate are Bros. Thomas Vincent W.M., Frederick A. Manning S.W., and James M. Collins J.W. The hour fixed for the commencement of the proceedings is 1.30 p.m., and brethren from London who may contemplate being present are advised that a train leaves Waterloo Station at a quarter past twelve o'clock.

A Fête in aid of the widows and orphans of the gallant seamen who perished in the training ship Atalanta will be held at the Alexandra Palace this day (Saturday). Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, and the Sheriffs will attend in state. A very full programme is announced.

We have just had transmitted to us the pleasing intelligence that Bro. John Constable, Temple (Mark) Lodge, No. 173, has been elected an honorary member of the Spes Bona Mark Lodge, No. 253, Port Elizabeth, in recognition of the many and valuable services he rendered, during the time of his visit to South Africa, in organising this new and prosperous Mark Lodge. We congratulate Bro. Constable on having received so sincere and well-merited a compliment.

We understand that a marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., eldest son of the Earl of Warwick, and Miss Frances Evelyn Maynard, grand daughter of the last Viscount Maynard and step-daughter of the Earl of Rosslyn M.W.P.G. Master Mason of Scotland.

The installation meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, at the usual hour; but we regret to say our representative was prevented through indisposition from attending. We are in a position, however, to state that there was a very full attendance of Officers, Members, and Visitors, and that everything passed off in a manner worthy of so interesting an occasion. Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B. P.M. occupied the chair in the absence of Bro. Aird, the retiring W.M., and after Bro. Herbert T. Bailey had been raised to the degree of M.M., effect was given to the resolution of the Committee appointed to report on the best mode of recognising the services rendered by Bro. Magnus Ohren, Secretary to the Lodge, on his appointment as G.A.D. of C., and Bro. Ohren was invested with the clothing of his office in Grand Lodge by the acting W.M. Bro. Duff-Filer. The presentation having been suitably and most feelingly acknowledged, and a splendid P.M.'s jewel having been voted to Bro. Aird, who unfortunately was not present to receive it, Bro. Duff-Filer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Walter Sugg P.M., who thereupon proceeded to instal Bro. William Sugg in the chair of K.S. This was very ably done, and the following brethren were then appointed to office for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. A. Greene S.W., James Glaisher J.W., Aird I.P.M., A. J. Duff-Filer P.M. Sec., Magnus Ohren S.D., J. Walter Sugg J.D., T. N. Kirkham D.C., G. C. Trewby I.G., A. Mead and Jos. Mainwaring Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. The customary banquet followed.

On Thursday, the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their two sons, and attended by their respective suites, formally opened a new recreation ground for the poor of Whitechapel. His Royal Highness had expressed a wish that the visit should be unattended by any demonstration, and the wish was respected; so that beyond a guard of honour of Tower Hamlets Volunteers and their band, and the band of the Whitechapel workhouse school, as well as groups of children from the various schools in the neighbourhood, to the number in all of 3000, all of whom were assembled on the ground itself, there was no indication of the visit of Royalty to this East End neighbourhood. The ceremony was of the briefest and simplest, and, in spite of the comparative privacy of the visit, their Royal Highnesses, both in going and returning, were heartily cheered by the crowds assembled.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes to the Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution will take place this day (Saturday), at the School, Wood Green, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master Lancashire, who has kindly undertaken to preside at the Festival on Thursday next. The programme is of the usual character, and includes Recitations, Part-songs, and the performance of T. J. William's one-act farce of "Jack's Delight," and Gilbert A'Beckett's "Turned Head." Full particulars of the gathering will be given next week.

The Duke of Connaught, accompanied by his Duchess and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, formally opened, in the name of Her Majesty, the Royal Albert Dock of the St. Katherine's Dock Company, on Thursday. The ceremony was interesting, and passed off exceedingly well.

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MUSIC—ITS PLACE AND INFLUENCE.

From the FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY.

IT is a matter of congratulation that Masonry includes within its broad sweep almost every branch of learning, and that it specially recognizes and commends the liberal arts and sciences. The exceedigly practical nature of Masonry is not to be gainsaid, for its great watchwords are love, sympathy and mutual helpfulness among Brethren, and its true character is not made manifest unless diligent attention is given to the discharge of the duties thus signified; but beyond these lines, it calls attention to various fields of mental investigation, and ever seeks to stimulate the thought of its followers to an intense activity. In the enforcement of the lessons of the second degree, the attention of the Craftsman is particularly directed to themes of far reaching import, and he is bidden to apply himself so far as possible to a study of the great questions of science and philosophy, that in this way he may enlarge life on its superior side and attain highest blessedness. In the same line of illustration, the advantages which attach to the liberal arts are pointed out, and the candidate is urged to recogize the wide scope of the Institution into which he has been admitted.

Music is one of the arts thus brought to the notice of the Fellow Craft Mason. It is defined in the ritual as "the art of forming concords," and as the art which gives "grace to numbers and harmony to mind." It is commended as worthy to be associated with astronomy, mathematics, literature, and other potential helps that furnish supplies to the nobler nature of man. That music is deserving of such recognition is made evident when we consider its character and influence, and the important place which it has always held among the most enlightened nations of earth. The sentiment of music seems to be an instinct of the human soul—one of God's royal gifts, intended to minister alike to man's æsthetic and moral culture, and to promote his true happiness. Its place, therefore, is in the front rank of the liberal arts, for it exercises an influence of almost universal power—an influence that is as delightful as it is instructive and helpful to the children of earth. This has been the general testimony of the great leaders of thought in all ages. In classic days, Plato said, "If you would know whether a State is well governed, you must look into the condition of its music." Martin Luther, stern iconoclast that he was, declared of music, "It is the only art that can calm the agitation of the human soul. It is one of the most magnificent presents God has given to man." Napoleon the First said, "Of all the liberal arts, music has the most potential influence over the passions, and is the one art to which the teacher and the legislator ought to give the greatest attention." Addison spoke of music as being "almost all we have of heaven on earth;" and Shakespeare made an appreciation of music to be in some sense a criterion of virtue, declaring that "he who hath no music in himself, and is not moved by concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils." Similar testimony may be gathered from all lands and ages, so confirming what is almost a self-evident proposition, that music is one of the most potent forces to affect the feelings and affections of men—to mould the character and guide the conduct of life, besides affording a sweet ministry of joy, peace, and pure delight to appreciative souls.

It is interesting to note the history of an art so generally eulogized as a means of power and blessing to men. We do not know where or when music had its beginnings. Doubtless it has been evolved from a lower to a superior state. Like all other arts, it has passed through various periods of growth, change, development. It is probable that the human voice was not as richly gifted and trained in the first ages as now, nor was there any such variety of musical instruments in use. The monotone sounds of the voice, the beating upon a rude kind of a drum, or the sighing of the wind as it swept over the strings tightly drawn from one support to another, may have been the rudimental endeavours at musical expression. But progress was quickly made, and Egypt in its best days was distinguished for the variety and grandeur of its music. In the time of the Pharaohs, there were choirs of trained singers in Egypt, while a number of instruments of a most elaborate character were used in the discoursing of sweet sounds. In some excavations recently made on the banks of the Nile, an ancient tomb was uncovered, wherein was found a sculptured representation of a harp some seven feet in height, having twenty-one strings, thus showing that the ancient Egyptians were privileged to hear musical sounds extending through a much wider range than what is afforded by the modern instrument. The cithera was one of the musical instruments made use of by this ancient people, and hundreds of trained performers with thousands of skilful vocalists united in the producing of harmonious sounds on the occasions of the great Festivals. In the time of Pythagoras, traditionally associated with Masonry, great attention was given to music, and the school of this eminent philosopher was intended to teach the "music of the spheres"—that all things in the outward universe move in harmony, and have their due relation to the science of numbers. Pythagoras had a noble, beautiful idea of celestial harmony, which he unfolded to his disciples, to whom he commended astronomy and music as the most excellent of all the arts and sciences. When Egyptian civilisation was at its culminating point, then music was most exalted, and its influence was most marked among the people. The same may be said in regard to both Greece and Rome, though it does not appear that either of these nations advanced as far as Egypt in musical knowledge, or were so thoroughly moved and captivated by the art.

The ancient Hebrews obtained their knowledge of music during the time they served the Pharoahs. They were versed in the hearts of the Egyptians when they crossed the Red Sea and entered upon their long journey to Palestine. Thus even in the wilderness we find the people chanting the hymns of praise, obtaining both a patriotic and a religious inspiration from those musical exercises in which they engaged. Thus Miriam led in that song of triumph which commemorated the deliverance of her people, chanting the words which Moses had written for the occasion. Coming down to the days of Israel's greatness, when Solomon lived and ruled, and built the Temple, we find Hebrew music of a most excellent and varied character. The one hundred and fiftieth Psalm shows how numerous were the instruments made use of in rendering music at that time, whilst the ceremonies connected with the dedication of the Temple, and the worship therein carried on, make it evident that music held a high place of regard, and was considered an important adjunct to both patriotism and piety.

Such is the art which has been preserved and handed down to us as a blessed ministry of social, mental and moral benefit. It is an art which we shall appreciate more and more as we give it recognition, and bring its power into use. Masonry puts the stamp of its approval upon music. It commends not only in word, but provides for this art a place in the rendering of its ritual and the enforcement of its lessons, as it likewise invokes its aid on social and public occasions. Music is the ally and interpreter of Masonry as it is of true religion. May its influence always be appreciated in both of these departments.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY. (MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.)

THE consecration of a Mystic Temple for the Province of Middlesex was performed with the public ceremonials of the Rite, at 77½ Bishopsgate-street within, on Tuesday evening, 15th inst., two of the Grand Officers attending specially for the purpose. The principal duties devolved upon the M. Ill. Sov. Grand Master Bro. John Yarker 33, who performed the ceremonial of purification by fire, whilst that by water was performed by the V. Ill. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark 33. Able assistance was rendered by Ill. Bros. James Hall 32, W. Stephens 30, Young 30, the last named presiding at the organ. The beautiful and effective ceremony having been completed and the Temple proclaimed duly consecrated in A. and P. form, Ill. Bro. Jas. Hill as P.M.W. proceeded to instal and invest the Officers of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 6, and the ceremonial being well enunciated and the paraphernalia of the Chapter most complete, the effect was generally admitted to be extremely grand and imposing. The following is the list of Officers:—Ill. Bro. and Sir Kt. Hy. Meyer 32 M.W., Jas. Hill 32 I.P.M.W., W. J. Mock 31 Kt. S.W., B. Meyer 31 Kt. J.W., Hy. Stephens 30 Kt. Orator, Ed. Hamson 30 Kt. Treasurer, A. P. Little 30 Kt. Conductor, W. Beasly 30 Kt. Archevist, R. Marshall 30 Captain of Guard, T. Sims 30 Guard of Tower, G. C. Young 30 Organist, J. J. Marsh 30 Sentinel. Before closing, the ceremonial agapæ was observed, and the Temple proceedings were brought to a close amidst general congratulations at the successful issue of this the first consecration of a Temple for the Province of Middlesex. The banquet, which was of the most *récherché* character was served in the Throne Room of Crosby Hall (the Ancient City Palace of Richard III.), and after the usual routine toasts, in returning thanks for that of the Sov. Sanctuary, the M. Ill. G.M. Bro. John Yarker 33 expressed his great gratification at the excellent progress which the Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 6 had made in so short a time, and his general satisfaction at the completeness and order of the whole arrangements. He assured the members present that nothing should be wanting on his part to assist them both by counsel and active support. In conclusion, he invited the members of the Rite to study it thoroughly, so as to be able to answer and silence all cavillers; assur. them that there was a very sufficient why to be given for every wherefore, or he would not himself have been a member, and claiming that what the best Masonic critics were now only beginning to admit the A. and P. rite had exhaustively considered and settled to their own satisfaction at least some generations back. And this referred particularly to the question of Egyptian Archæology. Ill. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark 33°, responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, said that he saw no reason why the Rite should not have a great future before it, as the universality of its ceremonials enabled it to admit to the high grades of Masonry brethren of all religious creeds, and expressed his satisfaction at thus becoming a participator in them. Ill. Bro. James Hill responded to the toast of the Officers, and expressed their determination to make their Chapter, Senate and Council, an efficient working body. Bro. Scard responded to the toast of the Visitors, and expressed their admiration of the beautiful ritual and the general arrangement of the ceremonial.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.—At the last meeting of the Fowey Lodge of Freemasons, on the motion of Bro. Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. and P.P. G.D.C. Suffolk, the sum of five guineas was voted towards the Masonic memorial in the Cathedral; and at the Tywardreath Chapter of Royal Arch Masons a further sum of ten guineas, on the motion of the same brother, was unanimously voted for the same good object. The sums have already been forwarded to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master, and it is hoped all the Lodges in the province will hasten to follow so good an example.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Great Secret.—With the variable temperature of this country, ill-health will creep in unless the blood from time to time be purified and all noxious matters be expelled from the body. In this the public may be their own physician. Holloway's Pills may be purchased at a trifling cost; instructions for taking them will be furnished with the Pills, and a little attention, with few instructions, will enable persons to keep themselves in health under very trying circumstances. These Pills act as alteratives, tonics, and aperients. Holloway's medicine should be ready for instant administration when the slightest symptom gives warning of approaching indisposition.

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...warded to Jas. Saunders
...nbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, P.M. No. 657, to John Henry Woodbine, and the Chain for general good conduct, presented by the 33° A. and A. Rite to a pupil on leaving the Sage. The special prizes apportioned out of the the interest on a fund of Five Hundred Guineas, ...o. W. Winn P.M. 657 and Vice Patron, were en boys who successfully passed the Cambridge ..., Juniors, in December, 1879, namely, A. H. Brock, E. L. Price, who took First Class Honors; . Cole, and A. R. Parker, who took Second Class ...rett, E. S. Robinson, and M. B. Ellis Third Class ...I. Fenemore, distinguished for German—Certifi- The prize winners, in the several classes, were Class, C. Sage, first Scripture, second English; first Classics and French and German; E. L. ...tics, second Scripture and French and German; ...nglish, second Classics, second Mathematics. ... Murrant, Classics and French and German; W. ...tics; S. G. Nash, English. Third Class: E. Jackson, Mathematics; J. Tanare, French; and Fourth Class: R. Rees, Latin and Mathematics; English. Fifth Class: F. Godfrey, Latin and Arithmetic; H. Searle, English. Sixth Class: ...prizes for English and Arithmetic respectively. ...e Prizes were awarded thus—Writing: 1 A. C. Robinson; Dictation: 1 E. H. Murrant, 2 G. ...t H. Brock, 2 W. E. Cole; Geography: 1 C. ...ental Arithmetic: 1 E. L. Price, 2 H. Brock; Studies: 1 E. L. Price, 2 C. Sage; Efficiency ...Prentice, 2 J. E. Buttrey; Proficiency in Drill: ...F. E. Coulthurst. Captain Wordsworth's Prize we have stated already, awarded to E. H. ...'s Prizes were carried off by W. E. Cole (atten- ...iency in Drawing (M. B. Ellis), Elocution (E. ...parkes), and Perseverance (G. Robinson and ...atherstone secured Bro. E. Bowyer's Prize for ... Pulman Bro. Meggy's for the same subject. ...for Drawing were awarded to A. H. Stephen- ...ckson (Painting), H. B. Brock and W. E. Cole ...er (Architecture), and G. Robinson (Pen and ... prizes given by Mr. Holmes, the musical ...ed off by J. Swallow, F. Dunnaway, and H.

...fulfilled his task of presenting the honors so ...ed those present briefly. He expressed him- ...arrangements for the day's proceedings, and ... master and the school authorities generally ...ed so manifestly resulted from their efforts on ...He offered some very sensible advice to the ...and special stress on the fact that out of ...presented themselves for examination at the ...nation, Juniors, in December of last year, no

Three of these took first class honors, and ...hat he was fully justified in saying the school ...tion among other schools in the Metropolis. ...tioned incidentally that Lord Henniker had ... the boy who most distinguished himself at ...Examination. It only remains to be added ...H. Taylor, Esq., M.A. Oxon and Cambs, and ...v. R. Carlos, Head Mathematical Master of ...he Rev. J. Twentyman, Vice-Master of King's ...most favourably of the educational progress ...tioned saying that it was one of the best ...privileged to examine. All interested in ...titution cannot but regard such testimony ... complimentary, not only to the ability and

As the objects of the new fund have presented, it is as well, perhaps, to say and intention. It will be within the r when Lord Rosslyn presided at the Fes year, it struck him that, while the ings appeared to be most admirably c thing wanting in order to make the go complete. This one thing was a fund conducted themselves well during their were proved to be without friends or obtain the wherewith to aid them at lordship very reasonably pointed out, t person's existence was when he left sch ing forth into the world. He had rec the important question that presented it education be turned to account. With him up, of course such a point would c not so fortunately circumstanced, and it are willing enough to do their best but to turning that best to account that Assistance Fund was started. The seed t soil, and no long time elapsed ere it bore who, on many previous occasions has fu interest not only in Masonry, but likewi are associated with it, took steps to give gestion, and set on foot a plan for organi Fund of the character indicated. The s received by the Craft, and, as to the Maso sible to speak of it in too favourable term without number, and these gave a certai it was in contemplation to establish a fo matter of course these suggestions, when minute proportions, and the proposed at the very outset was intended. An success of Lord Rosslyn's suggestion, it Bazaar and Fancy Fair—an institution w Charity is invoked, invariably finds favou working Committee, with a brace of persons of Bros. Dick Radclyffe and entrusted with the arrangements, and with the work they did, it is, undoubted the gathering was too formidable. To say its handsomely furnished stalls and their promised entertainments enough for well necessity, crowded into the space of four the difficulty on the part of visitors has b amusement suited to their taste, but to items in the programme could be overlook It will be gathered from these remarks th Bazaar during the current week left little Well-directed energy works wonders, a hand in organizing the energy which has any fear as to the amount of praise which

We do not venture to say the scheme is Even the weight of such names as the P Connaught, Prince Leopold, the Pro and England, and the Grand Masters of I powerless to prevent this. What is still n who at first hailed Lord Rosslyn's suggest found out a way of proving their sati possibly could to resist the establishme there are who fight shy for the present, a success is probable as well as possible; an not only the ignoramus and the obstruct aristocratic section of the Craft, the n panoplomnia and high degrees than th teachings of our beloved Society. Well

rendered by the different ladies and gentlemen who attended. The great centre of attraction was, of course, the Hall, where at each stall quite a bevy of fair ladies left no effort untried to dispose of their wares. The large stall in the centre which, apart from its commanding position and size, was also one of the most attractive, was under the charge of Mrs. Fankenzstein, agent for French manufacturers of glass, china, &c., of 112 Southampton Row, Holborn. Here was gathered together a large and varied assortment of Bohemian and French glass, Japanese china ware, and other attractive articles, varying in price, so as to suit the pockets of all classes of intending purchasers, from threepence to twenty guineas. The stall on the right of the entrance was in charge of Madame Fontaine-Besson. Here, too, was a brilliant display of all kinds of wares, and it is needless to say how well the lady in question discharged her duties. Mrs. and the Misses Constable assisted at one of the stalls on the left, Mrs. and the Misses Morgan at one on the right. Mrs. and Miss Cremer, in conjunction with Mrs. and Miss Pond, exerted themselves most effectually in the sale of fruit, flowers, photographs, music, toys. Mrs. Radclyffe presided at another stall, and must have materially assisted in promoting the success of her husband's labours. Bro. John Constable had his Fine Art Gallery excellently well arranged at the back of the dais. The collection was a most interesting one, and its attraction was considerably heightened by the fact that a number of drawings by the pupils of the Boys' School was hung in the gallery, thus rendering what of itself was one of the chief attractions of the fair still more attractive. Mrs. Bland had charge of the magic stall, where conjuring tricks of every kind, from the simplest to the most elaborate, were offered for sale. Among other ladies who helped in this department were Miss Levy, Mrs. Loewenstark, Mrs. Gambier, Mrs. Rosenthal, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Hopwood, &c., &c., and each and all of them worked most energetically in the good cause. Professor Faber's talking machine was also present, and Professor Harris's wonderful "Cockie" displayed its powers to a succession of delighted visitors. Bro. Cremer's Surprise Aquarium, containing queer fish for anglers of all ages, the waters being strictly preserved and available for guests throughout each day, proved a source of amusement, while the band of the pupils of the Institution were likewise present at intervals and gave proof of their proficiency and skill in a manner which evoked hearty applause from all who heard them. On Wednesday, one of the chief features was Mr. Probert's concert, which was given in the Great Hall, and was deservedly well received by all who listened to it. A choice selection of glees and part songs was given, and in a manner and with a taste which left nothing to be desired. Messrs. Toole, Walter Joyce, Harry Paulton, and Lionel Brough contributed in their several ways to the general amusement, and as it would be difficult to find any among our readers who are unacquainted with the merits of these popular favourites, we may content ourselves with saying that their several contributions were very far from being the least effective portion of the general proceedings. Thursday and to-day (Friday) varied only in some few particulars from the former days, save that in the course of the afternoon General Tom Thumb, Commodore Knott, and party, by kind permission of Professor Millar, held a reception, which was numerously attended. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz's concert was given in the Crown Room of the Tavern, at 8 p.m., the artists who took part in it including Miss Minnie Hauk, Madame Marie Roze, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Madame Liebhart, &c., &c. We have no space for details, suffice it to say that it was a splendid concert, in every way worthy of Bro. Ganz, who organised it. At the close of the day a vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. Toole, was proposed to the ladies who had so kindly given their services and carried with acclamation. In the absence of Bro. Constable this well-merited compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Dick Radclyffe. To-day the proceedings will be of the same character, only that when the labours of the Bazaar are ended there will be a little impromptu dance arranged, so that the ladies who have worked so well during the week may have at last some slight set-off in the way of pleasure in return for their valuable assistance.

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Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. J. Pavitt's Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E. The usual meeting was held as above on the 22nd inst. The evening being devoted to the working of Sections, Bro. B. Cundick P.M. occupied the chair and was supported in the S.W. chair by Bro. W. Musto P.M. Preceptor, better arrangments than which could not make have been, both brethren being *facile principes* in Section working. The J.W.'s chair was filled by the worthy host Bro. J. Pavitt, whom we were glad to see greatly improved in health. There was also a fair attendance of brethren. Lodge having been opened, the sections of the 1st lecture were ably worked. These afforded an opportunity for several young brethren to work sections for the first time. After spending a pleasant and highly instructive evening, Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 29th inst., when we trust Bro. J. Addrews, W.M. 1227, will be well supported.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 21st June. Bros. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Goddard W.M., McDonald S.W., Partridge J.W., Seymour-Clarke Secretary; also Bros. Robson, Kimbell, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read, Bro. Kimbell was asked the questions and entrusted, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., in an able manner, Bro. Kimbell acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Monday, 28th, when the three ceremonies will be rehearsed by the Officers of the mother Lodge; brethren are cordially invited to attend. A vote was passed authorising the Secretary to subscribe to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for the use of the Lodge.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting was held on the 20th instant, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Present:—Bros. Burgess W.M., B. Kauffman S.W., J. J. Smith J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, L. Jacobs S.D., F. Silvester J.D., Kent I.G.; Bros. H. M. Levy, A. Bingham, Holmes, Gough, W. A. Rolls, J. Hemming, Koester, J. C. Smith, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. L. Solomon candidate. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed, Bro. Rolls candidate. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Hemming, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Holmes 1608, and Brunton 158 (Dublin), were unanimously elected members. Bro. B. Kauffman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

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Thomas W.M. 272, S. G. Gamble W.M. [illegible], Wildgoose W.M. 588, Thos. Clough W.M. 1282, W. Cocking W.M. 1286, W. Challans W.M. 838, S. T. Haddelsey W.M. 1294, W. Rainforth W.M. 1386, W. Gray W.M. 1447, with several other brethren of the Province; also the following visitors:—Bros. W. H. Smith 548, James King 731, Edwin Smith 1258, Thomas Harrison 1802, and Charles Redmayne, of the Keystone Lodge, No. 235, New York; 166 brethren having signed the attendance book. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the Hymn of Invocation sung, the roll of Lodges was called, producing the following result:—Harmony 10, Witham 30, Doric 10, Yarborough 6, Shakespeare 6, Hundred of Elloe 9, St. Botolph's 9, Lindsey 11, Pelham Pillar 5, Franklin 11, Alexandra 6, Hereward 4, Ancholme 4, Bayons 7, St. Albans 4, Olive Union 10, St. Hugh 26, St. Matthew 7, Isle of Axholme 2, Hamilton 6, Visitors 5; making a total of 189; the discrepancy between this number and the number of signatures being accounted for by the fact that several brethren are members of more than one Lodge. Every Lodge in the Province had its representative. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Wor. Bros. J. Chapman 1294 P.G.S.W., J. Woodward 469 P.G.S., and J. W. Richardson 712 P.G.S. Fraternal greetings were also sent by Worshipful Bros. J. P. Bell, M.D., Deputy P.G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, the Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 P.P.G. Chap., and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A letter was afterwards read by the R.W. P.G.M. from Wor. Bro. Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.P.G.C., announcing his regret and inability to attend P.G. Lodge on account of recent family bereavement. It was proposed by the R.W. P.G.M., and carried unanimously, "That the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Spalding on the 19th June 1879, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read." Prov. Grand Secretary then read the minutes of an especial Provincial Grand Lodge held at Gainsborough on the 1st December 1879, at which the revised edition of the Prov. Grand Bye-laws was finally adopted: also the report of the Committee of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and Oliver Memorial Fund, showing grants made on behalf of the former during the past year to the extent of £96 4s, leaving a sum of £600 invested in freehold security for the purposes of local benevolence and education, with a balance of £155 7s 1d in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. On behalf of the Oliver Memorial Fund, two admissions into the R.M.I.B., viz., Alfred Thomas Cole, Alexandra Lodge 985, and Phillipson Marshall, Pelham Pillar Lodge 792, had been effected by the interest accruing from this Fund, assisted by the contributions of the brethren, collected by Worshipful Bros. Jack Sutcliffe 1294, James Hodgins 985 (joint Prov. Grand Charity Stewards for 1879-80), amounting to £308 6s, leaving a sum of one thousand guineas invested in freehold security, and a balance of £17 7s 3d in the hands of the P.G. Treas. The finance statement of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund showed a balance in hand of £26 13s 3d. Bro. H. Watson 297 read the annual returns of the various Lodges in the Province, as made up to 31st December 1879, showing an increase of thirteen members during the past year, making the total number of subscribing members then as 892. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 Prov. Grand Charity Secretary, who on rising was very warmly received, then read the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee, showing at the present time a list of nine boys and eight girls in the Royal Masonic Institutions, besides seven pensioners on the Aged Masons' Benevolent Fund. Letters were read from the Rev. Dr. Morris and Miss Davis, giving satisfactory accounts of their young charges, one of the boys (W. Cole) having succeeded in obtaining second class honours at the last Cambridge Local Examination. The worthy Secretary reported, with pleasure, the addition of two Lewises as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, viz., C. E. Bonner, Spalding, with ten votes, and G. E. Sissons, Barton-on-Humber, with two votes. Having been compelled to borrow a large number of votes to secure the election of William Black, in April last, it is feared the whole strength of the Province will be required next October to discharge the liability. The names

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I.B.

THE Eighty-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. As has latterly been the case, the festive board was graced by the presence of several ladies, and, as is usual on the occasion of this Festival, there was no display whatever of Masonic clothing, so that if any expected to have seen a gorgeous exhibition of Masonic paraphernalia, banners, jewels, aprons, scarves, and the like, they must have been greatly disappointed. The chair was taken by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, who was loyally supported, not only by the brethren of his own Province, but also by representatives of Lodges both in London and the other Provinces, the number of those that sat down to dinner being between 500 and 600. The success of the gathering may be said to have been assured some time before the eventful day itself arrived. We believe we are right in stating that never before has there been so large a Board of Stewards as there was at the Festival of Thursday, when it consisted of upwards of three hundred brethren; so that if their lists only averaged £40 apiece, a sum of £12,000, or considerably more than had been reached either last year or the year before for the School, was certain. As will be seen, however, this was greatly exceeded, and Bro. Binckes has the satisfaction of taking the place of honour for the current year, the amount of his Festival subscriptions being over £14,000, or some hundreds in excess of the sum realised by Bro. Hedges, while Bro. Terry, who took the lead last year, though he has done extremely well, has to content himself with bringing up the rear. We congratulate Bro. Binckes most heartily on the success which has attended his efforts on this occasion. He it is who first led the way into five figures, and although we cannot always look forward to his continuing the lead, it is only natural that he and his numerous well-wishers and supporters should look to his being in his turn at the top of the tree. We can well understand that the Secretaries of our Institutions regard each other as rivals, but their rivalry is an honourable one, and the first and heartiest in offering their congratulations to the most successful for the year are invariably the two whom he has defeated. There is another matter to be mentioned, as a fit subject for congratulation. As the year 1880 can boast of the most numerous Board of Stewards ever organised at any of our Festivals, so can it point with pride to the aggregate amount of subscriptions to our three annual Festivals as being the largest in any single year, the grand total for the three Institutions being quite £40,000, of which, as we have said, £14,000 fell to the share of "Our Boys." But to direct our attention more particularly to the meeting of Thursday. The weather, if a little inconstant, was, on the whole, satisfactory, and although the visit to the Crystal Palace was not of the ordinary kind, we all know that when going to so delightful a neighbourhood, it is all the better if there are some rays of sunshine, especially when those bright beams make glad the heart of brethren and their fair friends, whose special object it is on that particular occasion to do all they can towards gladdening the hearts of the poor orphan. As to the arrangements it is not to be wondered at, considering that Bros. Bertram and Roberts had the making of them, that they gave every satisfaction. In spite of the strong muster, there was elbow room, and to spare, while the good cheer that was placed on the table did credit to the skill of the caterers. A noticeable feature of the day was the conspicuous part assigned to the Pupils' Band, which gave admirable proof of their musical ability, as well as of the able tuition they had received from Mr. Whare, the Band Master, in a series of well chosenselections of music. Miss Helen Hopekirk and Miss Mary McLean—the former by two solos on the piano, and the latter in a song—also delighted the audience, but though we fully recognise the excellence of these subordinate matters, we still bear in mind that the chief interest must centre in the School itself, and of this, as our readers know perfectly well, there is nothing to say which is not satisfactory. Founded in the year 1798, when, as Lord Lathom pointed out, but six boys were clothed and educated, there are now no less than 215 boys maintained and educated within the walls of the School at Wood Green, while as to the excellence of the training the boys go through, we have forthcoming satisfactory evidence, not only in the reports of the Examiners, but in the distinctions won by pupils at the Cambridge Local Examinations. Nothing can well have been more gratifying to Dr. Morris and his staff of assistants than the frequent complimentary allusions made to the fact that ten out of eleven candidates successfully passed the Cambridge Local Exams. in December of last year. Certainly no better testimony could be offered to the value of the tuition, while the general appearance and conduct of the lads on Saturday spoke volumes for the discipline, and also for the thoughtful care of the Committees. Thus we find the scholars distinguishing themselves, and in this way, and to the best of their ability, reciprocating the kindness shewn them; and this, coupled with the fact that the Boys' School, by comparison with the sister Institutions, is but indifferently provided in respect of permanent income, could not have been without its influence on the Subscription Lists on Thursday. And as there are still seventeen lists outstanding, we have just ground for supposing that the total receipts will be as nearly as possible on a level with the result achieved by Bro. Terry last year, when Lt.-Col. Starkie, the chief of the contiguous Province of East Lancashire, presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. However, with a genial Chairman, an excellent and unprecedentedly numerous Board of Stewards, capital arrangements, and a good dinner, no wonder that the Boys' Festival of 1880 passed off successfully, and all who wish well for the Institution will rejoice that so splendid a result as a total exceeding £14,000 has been the result of this year's campaign.

We append particulars of the day's proceedings.

The Crystal Palace on Thursday—at least that portion of it which had been set apart for the use of the Stewards of the Boys' School Anniversary Festival—presented a gay scene as the numerous company of guests assembled together to hold their annual gathering in aid of the Funds of the Institution, and the arrival of the Chairman of the day—the Earl of Lathom—having been announced, a number of Stewards were told off to receive and conduct his lordship to the chair. The number of those who sat down to dinner cannot have been much—if at all—under 600, ladies included, and on the removal of the cloth, the Chairman rose and proposed the first toast, namely, that of Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Institution. This was received most enthusiastically, and the National Anthem having been sung, his lordship, in rising to propose the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said, Brethren and Ladies, I now rise to propose the second toast on the list. It is that of the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of our Order. It is hardly necessary for me, brethren, to dilate upon His Royal Highness's qualities. They must be only too well known to you all. You all

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know what an interest he takes in the Craft, and how he is always ready when his other manifold duties permit it, to come forward and support anything that may relate to it. I need only point to his last Masonic act, namely, going down into Cornwall to lay the foundation stone of a Cathedral, an act which has not been done by any Masonic body hitherto. His Royal Highness has our Craft at heart. I look upon him as one of the truest Masons in the country. Not only is his Royal Highness one of us, but we have two of his Royal Highness's brothers also among our ranks. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has taken a most deep interest in Masonry ever since he joined us. I myself not many years ago had the honour of installing him into the chair as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be installed into the chair of a Lodge on Monday as Worshipful Master. I think I need say no more, but ask you to drink the health of His Royal Highness the Grand Master.

The Rev. H. A. Pickard P.G.C. then rose, and said—My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,—You see one who has had greatness thrust upon him. When I left my warm retreat at Oxford at the beginning of this week to join, as I have frequently, in the pleasure of this Masonic and like Masonic gatherings, I did so with the full conviction that my Senior Chaplain, Bro. Martyn, who is so well known to all of you, would have been present here this evening, and would have proposed the toast which it is my lot now to ask you to honour. I hold in my hand a telegram just received from that worthy and Worshipful Brother, who says, "I am very sorry I cannot possibly be with you to-day. Please accept my hearty good wishes for a most successful Festival." No one can regret Bro. Martyn's absence more than he does who now takes his place; but at the same time I am fully aware that the toast which I have to propose to your notice will be drunk by you with equal enthusiasm, although it is given by one who does not know how properly to propose it. Very few, I am sure, could do justice to the toast of our Chairman, the Earl of Lathom. Let Lancashire testify how well he is beloved by those who know him Masonically, and let all those who have seen him at our Masonic gatherings in London say that it is possible for any one to hold the distinguished post of Deputy Grand Master of England better than he does who has consented to be Chairman of our Institution this evening. Brethren, Lord Lathom has already presided at the Festivals of the other two Institutions, and has always had a very successful Festival, and I trust that when he looks back upon this day in years to come he will remember it as one to be marked with a white stone, as one which did not fall very far short of those Festivals which he enjoyed so much previously. There is, perhaps, one reason why I may rejoice that it has fallen to my lot before this distinguished company to propose Lord Lathom's health, and it is because four-and-twenty years ago, when I was Master of the Apollo Lodge, I had the honour of initiating Lord Lathom into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Ladies and brethren, I call upon you to drink, with all the honours, the health of the Chairman, Lord Lathom.

The Earl of Lathom, in responding, said,—Ladies and brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed by my Masonic father. I can assure you, brethren, that it gives me intense pleasure to be able to be present here to-day, and to preside at the Eighty-second Anniversary of this Institution. I shall have more perhaps to say about it in a few moments, but all that I will do at present is to thank you most heartily, and tell you that, as far as in me lies, I will try to carry out thoroughly my Masonic duty and merit your goodwill and esteem.

The Rev. Dr. Morris, in proposing the next toast, said,—Brethren and ladies, it is said that the best commander is he who is ever ready to obey orders when he receives them. The Chairman has ordered me to propose this toast; I am ready to obey the command. The toast I have to propose is the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Grand Master, the Vice-Presidents of the Institution, the ex-officio Vice-Presidents of the Institutions, and the Prov. Grand Masters and present and past Grand Officers, including Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary. Although the P.G. Officers have more or less retired from active duty, we are not going to forget them, and I am sure you will all receive this toast most heartily. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Colonel Shadwell Clerke, in response, said,—Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen, as it has fallen to my lot to respond to this toast, I do so most willingly, but at the same time I feel perfectly overwhelmed with gratitude at the way in which you have received this toast. When I reflect upon those illustrious names which are comprehended in this toast, I feel that some more influential brother ought to return thanks for it, but in their absence, I beg to offer you the thanks of the Officers for the very kind greeting which you have given to their names this evening. I can assure you that the Grand Officers yield to none in the interest they feel in this Masonic Charity, and they will look most anxiously to-morrow morning at the papers to read the list of subscriptions which are this day announced. I will not detain you, Ladies and Brethren, further, but simply thank you very much indeed for the very gratifying manner in which you have received the toast, and assure you that we feel very much obliged to you for it.

The Earl of Lathom then said,—Brethren and Ladies,—if they will allow me, I will say sisters, for I am sure they ought to be called our sisters, showing the interest they do in this Institution—I appear before you to give you the toast of Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on its Eighty-second Anniversary. Brethren, it is hardly necessary for me to go into a history of the origin, the rise, and the prosperity of this Institution. You all see in the Report that has been handed to you how this Institution started with a very small beginning; how, in the year 1798, this Institution began by providing the education and clothing of six boys. Since then it has gradually gone on increasing, till here we find in the Report now presented to you that the School at present consists of 215 boys. From that it will be seen there has been a steady increase in the number of pupils admitted, and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that with the increase in the popularity of Freemasonry throughout this country, so will the prosperity of this School increase; at least I say it ought to do so. At the same time there is one other little fact in the Report before you which I think worthy of notice, and that is that I am happy to say that during the past few years there has been a gradual—a gradual but steady decrease in the cost of the tuition and maintenance of each boy. (Hear, hear.) Now, the larger the number that come into the School, so the more will the cost of each individual boy decrease in proportion. As for the prosperity of the Institution, I do not think there can be any doubt about that; it is not on the wane at present, and I trust it will be many years before we see it decline. There is one point I wish to mention, and that is one continually heard about these Institutions—I am talking of the three now, as our Masonic Charities. Now, I object to that word. I say they ought to be our Masonic Duties. We, as Freemasons, are bound to keep up these great Institutions. They have been started on good lines: they have been well and admirably carried on, and it is our duty, as Freemasons, to keep them up to the mark. It is quite true that within the past few years—I may say that my own Province showed a very laudable example in it—there have been many local Institutions started, Benevolent and Educational. No doubt brethren are more inclined to give their money to local Institutions than they are to the central one; but at the same time I think, brethren, we are rich enough for both. It is very easy to get up our local fund to a very large amount. I will ask any one to look at the return of West Lancashire, and he will say that we have had a very large amount of money at our disposal. At the same time I am happy to say I have only to look around me to see that this Institution is not otherwise than well supported. I say, brethren, we ought all to put our shoulders to the wheel, not only to support Local Institutions, but also our main head-quarters, namely, this and the two sister Institutions. There is one point, brethren, which I ought to mention. It is one which our Lancashire brethren will tell me I have been a little tedious upon, and that is, we find—in the North of England certainly—that very large sums are expended in the year in picnics and entertainments of one kind and another. I have no objection to those entertainments, I have no objection to those picnics, balls, or whatever they may be; but I say that those entertainments ought not to come out of the Lodge funds. I say that those entertainments ought to be kept up for the simple reason that they interest our sisters in our proceedings. They make us see that we are able to do our duty in the way of Charity, and we ought to be convivial and entertain our female relations; but I say it ought to be done by private subscriptions; it ought not to come out of the Lodge funds.—[A Voice: They don't.]—With these few words, I am sure you will take it to heart, and in future years we shall see a larger subscription to these Institutions—(Applause). Brethren, I had the honour and pleasure of going down to Wood Green last Saturday, and giving away the prizes to the boys of this Institution. Before, I had had no opportunity of seeing or hearing their proficiency in the different parts of their education, and I could only judge from the lists presented to me; but I can now say that I saw before me as healthy a set of boys as I should ever wish to set eyes upon. I saw a number of hearty, happy faces, all looking forward to their holidays, extremely well pleased to come up and receive their prizes, and to have done their best to amuse the company with their plays and songs. I gave what praise I could on that occasion. I will not repeat it now, except to say that I think the Head Master and his Assistants must have thoroughly done their duty. If you turn to one page of the Report you will see the result of the Cambridge Examination. I think it is highly creditable to Dr. Morris and his staff that he has brought up. I think I am right in saying, eleven candidates, ten passing, and nine in the honour list. Now, the whole Craft ought to be proud of such a show as that. There is one other point I wish to say a few words to you upon, and that is a scheme that has been promoted and that has been brought to a head—I mean the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. (Cheers.) I know, brethren, that there has been great opposition to this Fund, I own that when first I heard of it I myself was opposed to it, but as time went on, and I saw how our Bro. Dick Radclyffe was working, and I got his assurance that the scheme would be carried out according to certain lines, that I then took and myself laid down to him, I gave it my support; and I say, brethren, I think that this Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, if carried out as I believe it will be, upon the lines laid down by the Committee, will be of real use. I hear that the object of the Fund is simply this—to raise a sum of money—the larger the better; to raise a sum of money which will enable the Committees of the Boys' and the Girls' Schools to grant a sum of money to any deserving boy or girl on leaving the School, to help them on in their future career. It was at first thought that this was to be a fourth Charity. It is not a fourth Charity, and it is not to be anything of the sort; we are to have no Governors of it, no votes, all we want is to have a certain sum of money so as to enable us to assist boys to get on either in College life, to give them an advance in order to get them into the Army, or whatever their bent may be; and girls in the like way. This money we propose to place entirely in the hands of the two Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and it will be for them to determine who are deserving and who are not—(Loud applause). No doubt all of you are aware that at the present moment a Bazaar is being held in furtherance of the objects of the Fund. It has gone already for two days, and there are yet three days more on which it may be held. I can only hope that the receipts of the next two days will exceed the product of the days which have been already held. I do not say it has been quite so successful as we might have desired, but I do say this, that the money realised up to the present time has completely cleared all expenses entailed, and has left the original fund subscribed untouched (applause). Now, brethren, if we can manage, by means of this Bazaar and the list of subscriptions, to get a sum of £30,000, we should then be in a position to do all that is wanted. It is not a large sum that is wanted—£30, £40, or £50 a year will do all we want. Some people were under the impression that instead of having this Assistance Fund

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it would be better if a certain number of exhibitions or scholarships were founded. I am afraid those brethren who suggested that idea had very little notion of what it costs to found a scholarship. For a scholarship of £30 a year you have to invest £1,000. A scholarship of £30, as a rule, is held for three years; therefore you want £3,000 to provide for that, but that said scholarship is competed for year by year; therefore you must treble that sum. I ask you, brethren, considering all our local Charities, and considering our main Charities here, how can we expect the brethren to subscribe such an enormous sum as would be required for that. I say the thing would be simply unreasonable to ask, therefore the present scheme I look upon as an excellent one, and one that will really do good without entailing upon the brethren very much extra charity. (Hear, hear.) I have spoken out on this subject because I feel it has been very much misunderstood, and I wished to give you a clear explanation of what it was. I will not weary you any longer. I am happy to find the evening has turned out fine, notwithstanding the wet morning we had, and I therefore hope my brethren and sisters will be able to enjoy themselves very much. In conclusion, I beg to give you the toast of Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and couple with it the name of Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Bro. Geo. Plucknett, in responding, said,—Ladies and brethren, I have to thank you for the honour you have done me in drinking my health as Vice-President and Treasurer of this Institution. My first duty, as Vice-President of this Institution, is to thank the Right Hon. Chairman for the part he has taken this evening in occupying the chair, and so nobly supporting this honourable Institution. Ladies and brethren, I have also, as Treasurer of this Institution, to thank you for being present this evening, and providing the necessary funds for carrying on this good and honourable Institution. I can assure you the money subscribed by you for that purpose will be most faithfully and economically expended.

Bro. Binckes having read out the list, amounting to £14,002, which will be found in another part of our columns,

Col. Shadwell Clarke, in proposing the next toast, said,—Ladies and Brethren, I am quite sure this evening that the feeling uppermost in our hearts at the present moment is that of intense delight at the magnificent list which has just been read. You will all join with me in offering our thanks to the Executive of this honourable Institution, and more especially to our most able and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Binckes. I will now take the opportunity of asking you to recognise the services of those brethren whom I may call the busy bees of our Institution, and to whose able services the prosperity of our Boys' School is so greatly indebted. I, therefore, ask you, brethren, to join with me in drinking to the health of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, and members of Committees, and to take the opportunity of thanking them for their continuous and highly meritorious services for the well-being of the Institution. I beg to couple with it the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Raynham Stewart having responded, the Earl of Lathom said,—Ladies and Brethren, there is one toast I cannot refrain from giving to you this evening, and that is success to the other Masonic Institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This Institution has headed the list this year; it has been beaten before, but I am happy to see the healthy rivalry going on between the various Institutions. I will not detain you for one single moment, but give you the toast of the other Institutions, and couple with it the name of Bro. Terry.

The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Terry in response said,—My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, permit me to thank you very heartily and very sincerely for the manner in which the toast of success to the other Masonic Institutions has been proposed by the president. Permit me also, as a colleague of Bro. Binckes (Secretary of the Boys' School), to congratulate him upon the success of his efforts this evening, resulting in the enormous sum of £14,002. My Lord, it is one of the most gratifying things to know that whenever your Lordship has officiated as president of either of our Festivals, that Festival has been the one of the year. Ladies and Brethren, I thank you heartily for the manner in which you have received the toast, and although I have the misfortune this year to stand No. 3 on the list, I hope in 1881 that the Benevolent Institution will be No. 1.

The remaining toasts, namely, those of "The Board of Stewards" and—as a matter of course, "The Ladies"—having been given and acknowledged, the guests rose for the purpose of witnessing one of those displays of fireworks for which the Palace is so famous.

JAMAICA.

SINCE the death of the District Grand Master of East Jamaica a gloom has fallen over the members of the Order. The Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica and Grand Principal H. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Jamaica (the Right Worshipful and Most Ex. Bro. Altamont De Cordova) has issued orders that all brethren and Companions under the English Constitution shall appear in mourning, also the Lodges to be draped in black, for six months. The Prov. Grand Master for Scotland in Jamaica and Greytown (the Right Worshipful Bro. Hon. S. C. Burke) has issued orders to all brethren under the Scottish Constitution to appear in mourning for three months. Ill. Bro. Capt. W. P. Dadson 33 Recorder has issued notice to all members of the Rose Croix to wear mourning (crape rosette on the collar and apron) for six months. The Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica (Right Worshipful Bro. A. De Cordova) invited the members of the Masonic Fraternity to a meeting held on 15th June, at the Friendly Hall, that arrangements might be made for a suitable memorial in testimony of the regard and esteem in which the brethren of the Craft held their late District Grand Master.

It is asked—On whom will his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England confer the appointment? Several names have been brought forward, such as the Right Worshipful Bros. J. W. Whitebourne P.D.D.G.M., Altamont De Cordova D.D.G.M., Dr. Allen, W. P. Dadson, and others. It is to be hoped that the mantle will fall on one whom the brethren will hold in high esteem, and who will work; not merely receiving the honour and doing nothing for the benefit of the Craft. It is stated that the choice will fall either on P.D.D.G.M. J. W. Whitebourne, or our present D.D.G.M. A. De Cordova, who is beloved by all the brethren, and is always ready to assist in any Masonic cause.

A special meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica was held on 1st June, presided over by the R.W. Bro. Altamont De Cordova, Deputy District Grand Master. There was a goodly attendance of Officers and representatives of the different Lodges. Resolutions of condolence on account of the death of the District Grand Master were passed; also the sum of £20 was granted towards a fund to be raised in the Province for an oil painting of the late Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, to be hung up in the Grand Lodge Room as a mark of respect. It is expected to cost £120.

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ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the advertisement which appears at page 14 of your issue of the 26th inst., I am instructed by the Supreme Council 33° to ask you to acquaint your readers that the "Rose of Sharon" Chapter, No. 6, under the so-called "Ancient and Primitive Rite" of Masonry, is in no way connected with the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and that therefore it may not be visited or recognised by any Rose Croix Freemason under the obedience of this Supreme Council.

I am, yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN,
Grand Secretary General.

33 Golden-square, 28th June 1880.

Re METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Headingley House, Hornsey, N.
30th June 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In consequence of alterations in the establishment, this Lodge will for the future be unable to meet at their former quarters (the Moorgate Station Restaurant); accordingly a Committee has been formed to choose a future place of meeting. For the present, and until further notice, the Lodge will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30 as usual.

If you will kindly give notice of this in your columns you will much oblige,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN STORR,
Assistant Secretary.

A RELIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

21 Nottingham Street, W.
28th June 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Prov. G.M. of Dorset, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., having been engaged last week in laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Church at Poole, I take this opportunity, thinking it may interest some of your readers, of sending you the following inscription, which is attached to a BISCUIT, enclosed in a glass case, and kept in the Lodge Amity, No. 137, Poole.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN HURDELL J.D. 1348.

THIS BISCUIT

Is preserved by the Lodge of Amity as a memorial of their gratitude and brotherly affection for Jacques de Bon, Captain of the "Janon," French privateer of St. Malo, who captured, at sea, on the 13th of December 1813, at Ham, in lat. 49·50 North, long. 7 West, the brig, "Oak," of Poole, Bro. Stephen Pack Master, belonging to Bros. G. W. Ledgard and John Goss, on her passage from Bilbao to Poole, who, after treating him and his crew with every mark of kindness, restored him his vessel, and sent on board a dog, which before had been taken from a brother, with this Biscuit suspended by a string round his neck, signifying he would not keep a brother's dog in bondage nor see him want bread. Thus the man who holds forth his hand for the relief of his necessitous brethren is fully repaid by the gratitude of those whom he obliges, by the approbation of his own mind, and the favour of that Omnipotent Being who cannot behold such a bright display of Masonic virtues without asserting his divine and everlasting approbation.

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BAZAAR AND FAIR AT THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN.

WE cannot call to mind at the moment who it was that had the good sense to invent Bazaars and Fancy Fairs. We are not sufficiently up in Eastern literature of the earliest times to say whether such a means of promoting the cause of Charity was ever adopted by the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Medes and Persians, or any other among the great powers of the old world. We do not remember to have read of such things in the pages of Herodotus, Thucydides, or Xenophon. The Romans were a matter-of-fact people, and thought more about conquering other nations than of organising affairs of this kind. Besides, they had their Circus, to which their comeliest matrons thronged to see gladiatorial shows, varied occasionally by combats between wild beasts and religious enthusiasts. They manage this kind of institution very well in France, and it may be we are indebted to our lively Gallic neighbours for the invention of Bazaars and Fairs. Be this as it may, a Bazaar is one of the finest of mundane institutions, and if we were able to hand down to posterity the name of the immortal inventor, we should do so with a great deal of pleasure. As for Fancy Fairs, every Bazaar is a Bazaar and a Fair likewise—to this extent at least, that its ruling spirit is the fair fancy of the ladies whose function it is to preside at the stalls, and importune the representatives present of the less favoured sex into emptying their purses of the cash—whether superfluous or otherwise is of no moment whatever—they usually contain. If men are to be in any way useful on these occasions, they must pay handsomely for the privilege of being admitted within the precincts of the Bazaar, and gazing at the fair ladies who preside over its destinies, and those who are not prepared to submit themselves with all possible grace to this very simple ordeal should stay away. It is the duty of every lady who acts as stall-keeper at a Bazaar to leave no chance unturned of sending empty away all the male visitors that come within reach of her persuasive powers—empty, that is to say, as to their purses, though how otherwise burdened with wares, useful or useless, is of not the slightest moment. And as far as our experience goes the ladies who assisted at the Bazaar that has been held this week at Freemasons' Hall discharged this particular function with very considerable success. At least, many a man with a long-drawn face, might have been seen any day, and any hour of the day, since Tuesday, at 1 p.m., wandering disconsolately about in the neighbourhood of Great Queen-street, vaguely feeling in his pockets for the price of a glass of sherry and a biscuit, and refusing to be comforted because the price was not forthcoming; while following these were, in the case of each, one or two porters staggering under heavy loads of goods, which the owners will never be able to utilise. There is, however, this satisfaction we can promise these unhappy victims of the Masonic Fair. The cash they were persuaded into expending will do good service, and help to increase the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. There is, therefore, a certain justice in the exchange: and if the buyer is at a loss what to do with his purchases, the Fund will have no difficulty in dealing with his money!

It is just a year since Lord Rosslyn started the idea that such a Fund as the one we are considering was wanted in order to complete the work of education so liberally carried on by our Schools. The suggestion was taken up by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and the result, in a somewhat incomplete form, is now before our readers. The Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund is now an accomplished fact, in spite of the opposition it has experienced in quarters where one had the least right to expect any. It has money in hand, and money promised which will be forthcoming when asked for, and when the accounts of the Bazaar Committee come to be made up, we anticipate the balance will be on the right side, and of a very satisfactory character. The Committee have worked hard, but particularly Bros. Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun., who for weeks past have hardly known what the words, "a leisure moment," meant. It was to be expected that here and there a little something in the arrangements should get out of gear, but this amounts to little more than saying that a Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair is very much like Bazaars and Fancy Fairs in general; and these, again, are the work of men, and are never, therefore, perfect. We believe, however, we are justified in saying that in this particular instance, and having regard to the scale on which the arrangements were made, there were fewer shortcomings than could reasonably have been looked for. It must be remembered by our readers that the number of entertainments set down on the programme went on increasing up till the very last moment almost, and consequently the greatest difficulty has been to spread them over the allotted space of time in such a manner that they should not clash with each other. There were no end of concerts, each day's programme showing excellently well in this respect. The large Hall, in which the Bazaar was held, was very effectively decorated with flags, banners, and appropriate devices. The ladies at the different stalls were charmingly persuasive in the fulfilment of their parts, while Bros. Cremer and others contributed loyally with a view to make the gathering a success worthy of the Craft with which the scheme is associated. The opening ceremony was very simple. The Earl of Lathom, who was accompanied by the Countess of Lathom, the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, M.P., and his fair *fiancée*, Miss Maynard, merely declared "the Bazaar open," and the stall coverings forthwith disappeared, so that the varied and attractive collection of goods of every imaginable kind and price were at once on public view, and the business of the day was entered upon with the greatest activity. Ladies Lathom and Rosslyn presided for a time at one of the stalls, the first to show his appreciation of this kindness by making a purchase being the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Interim Treasurer of the Fund. The opening Concert, under Bro. C. King-Hall, was a great success, and was followed, after a sufficient interval, by Bro. Chaplin Henry's, and then came that given by Madame Barri Guido and Bro. Schuberth. However, all necessary particulars will be found in the report we publish elsewhere. We need say little more, therefore, in the present article than that it must have been very gratifying to Lord Lathom to find his kindness in presiding had found its reward in the cordial support of so considerable a gathering as assembled at the hour fixed for the opening ceremony. Lord Rosslyn must have been especially gratified on finding the idea he had suggested was likely to bear such good fruit, and Bros. Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun. could not have been otherwise than pleased, that their arduous work, and that of their coadjutors on the Committee, had secured so desirable a consummation as we have no doubt will, in due course, be announced by the Committee of Management. Meanwhile, nothing remains for us but to offer our congratulations to all who have had a share in the proceedings or who have, even in the slightest degree, contributed either personally or indirectly by any influence they may have been in a position to exercise, to make this Masonic Bazaar a success among successes. Nor would it be just if we omitted to add the expression of our thanks to the many ladies who have graced the meeting by their presence and made the show one long scene of gaiety and pleasure.

For the benefit of any among our readers whose engagements may have prevented them paying a visit to the Bazaar, we are requested to state that the Committee of Management have resolved on keeping it open this day (Saturday), and afterwards there will be a little informal dance, so that those of the fair sex who have so kindly worked hard during the whole week may at the last moment themselves have just a little pleasure.

The town of Poole was the scene, on 24th ult., of an interesting Masonic ceremony in connection with the Centenary Anniversary of the Prov. G. Lodge of Dorset, and the laying of the foundation stone of a new church, by the R.W. Bro. Montague J. Guest, M.P., Grand Master of the Province. A special P.G. Lodge having been opened, the brethren marched in procession and wearing their full regalia to the site of the edifice about to be raised to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U., where the ceremony was duly and most impressively performed by the P.G. Master, assisted by his P.G. Officers, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren and spectators. Four platforms had been erected for the general accommodation, of which one was set apart for the Mayor and Corporation of Poole, the clergy, choristers, and officiating brethren; the second for the Freemasons, the third for the ladies, and the fourth for the general body of spectators. P.G. Lodge was afterwards closed, and a grand banquet followed, at the Antelope.

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MARK MASONRY.

MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 104.

THE twelfth installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when a large attendance of Grand Officers and members testified to the popularity of the Lodge and the well-known repute of both the outgoing and incoming Masters. The Lodge was opened at an early hour in the afternoon by the W.M. Bro. George Ward Verry G.S.B. and his Officers: Bros. W. P. P. Collins P. Prov. G. Steward S.W., F. H. Cozens P.G.Org. J.W. (the W.M. elect), N. J. Basnett P. Prov. G. Steward M.O., G. Yaxley P. Prov. G.M.O. S.O., W. Johnson S.D., T. De Leliva G.S. and Prov. G.J.D. J.D., Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. P.M. and Treas., W. Worrell P.G. Org. P.M. and Sec., James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. and D.C., T. W. Simons I.G., Alfred Williams P.G.S.D. P.M., Robert Berridge G.D.C. P.M., R. P. Spice, T. B. Humphroys, J. Manwaring, T. Nettleship, M. Mildred, A. Meade, &c. Amongst the Visitors were the V.W. Bros. F. Davison D. Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey, and D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. G. Assist. Sec.; Bros. Capt. Berridge, C. E. Soppet, W. Lake, Theodore Distin, A. Hubbard. The previous minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Henry Parker King of the Great City Lodge 1426, Auguste Leon of the Royal Alfred Lodge 780, and W. H. Bale of the Vitruvian Lodge 87 were advanced to the honourable degree, with full musical service, conducted by Bro. W. Worrell. The perfect manner in which the W.M. and all concerned performed this most interesting ceremony elicited well-deserved encomiums from the distinguished Visitors present, the D. Prov. G.M. taking occasion to remark that the prestige for good working which this Lodge throughout its whole career possessed, was rather enhanced than deteriorated as each principal Officer succeeded to the chair. The installation of Bro. F. H. Cozens (who had been elected at the urgent request of the S.W., Bro. Collins, whose ill health at the date of election had induced him to ask the members to defer his promotion for another year) was then proceeded with, and this impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. Verry with equal perfection to that which had marked all work undertaken by him during his Mastership. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. W. P. Collins S.W., N. J. F. Basnett J.W., G. Yaxley M.O., W. C. Hale S.O., W. Johnston J.O.; W. Bros. T. Meggy P.G.M.O. Treas., W. Worrell P.G.O. Sec., and James Stevens P.G.J.O. D.C.; Bros. T. De Leliva S.D., J. K. Pitt J.D., T. W. Simons R.M., T. B. Humphreys I.G., F. E. W. Collard and R. P. Spice Stewards, and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The addresses to Master, Officers, and brethren having been delivered, the Installing Master and I.P.M. Bro. Verry was presented with the P.M. jewel of the Lodge, amidst the acclamations of the brethren and hearty thanks for his zealous and effective services in the chair. Propositions for further advancement were taken, and at the conclusion of a most successful working meeting the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and psalmody. An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Ritter, the appointments and service of which gave very considerable satisfaction, and, the good things set before the company having been disposed of, grace was sung, and the usual post prandial proceedings were entered upon with confidence and ability by the new W.M. The several toasts were suitably responded to, the guests particularly complimenting the Lodge on its impressive working of ceremonial and strict attention to order and discipline, as also upon the subsequent entertainment. As a matter of course, the W.M. being a celebrity in the musical world, the selection of vocal music performed during the evening was all that could be desired, and the W.M. himself, aided by the well-known talent of Bros. Theodore Distin, T. W. Simons (the R.M.), A. Hubbard, H. Ashton, and H. Taylor, added considerably to the enjoyment of all present. As none of the previous festivals, or indeed the ordinary meetings of this Lodge, have been otherwise than most successful and agreeable, it would be very difficult to characterise this by any superlative expression. The *best* has always been the degree of merit attached to these gatherings, as far as our experience goes, and beyond that we cannot go, even in regard to the meeting we now report and so thoroughly enjoyed.

The Annual Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held on Wednesday next, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. Lt.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Master Middlesex and Surrey, will take the chair, and, we doubt not, will be well and numerously supported. The Fund, though not long established, has done yeoman service, and is already a well organised Masonic Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hants and the Isle of Wight will hold its annual meeting on Friday next, at Basingstoke. The M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Past Grand Mark Master Mason of England, is the chief of this Province.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Shakesperian Recitals: Scenes from Hamlet, at 7.15 p.m. daily; and at 3.30 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hamlet, Mr. Machlande Clarke; Ophelia, Miss H. Shea; the Queen of Denmark, Miss Eva Russell; Polonius, Mr. Heath; 1st Grave Digger, Mr. Weatherhead. Lectures on the Phenomena of Nature, the Microscope, London, Phosphorescence, &c. &c. Ghost Entertainment, Blondin, the wonderful automaton. Admission, 1s. Reserved Stalls, 3s, may be booked at all the Libraries.

THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT CANTERBURY.

THE consecration of the new Masonic Temple at Canterbury was performed on Tuesday, 22nd ult., by the Right W. Prov. G.M. Viscount Holmesdale (Baron Amherst), assisted by the Right W. D. Prov. G.M. Bro. J. Eastes. A large number of the brethren of the three Lodges, had assembled on the opening of the United Lodge, and several visiting brethren from other towns were also present. An imposing procession was formed to conduct the Right W. Prov. Grand Master to the new Temple. The elements of consecration were contained in the splendid vessels belonging to the Grand Lodge of England. These were borne by the leading Officers and brethren. The Lodge having been duly constituted, the ceremony of consecration commenced. Bro. P.M. Pilcher, President of the Building Committee, in a brief address explained to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the steps which had been taken by the brethren of the Canterbury Lodges to provide for their Craft a suitable home, and a fitting Temple in which the beautiful ceremonies of Masonry may be duly performed. He alluded with much emotion to the absence of one who a few months before had taken a prominent part in laying the corner stone of the building. The brethren had met almost for the first time within those walls in a Lodge of sorrow for the death of the W.M. of the Royal Military Lodge, Bro. H. Miskin. He also called attention to the truly Masonic self denial of Bro. J. Green Hall, the architect, and Bro. J. E. Wiltshier, the builder of the new Temple. The former had designed and drawn the plans free of cost, and the latter had erected the building in the best style for much less than the cost of the materials and labour. In conclusion, he referred to the services which Lord Holmesdale had rendered to the Province, and requested him to consecrate and dedicate the building to Masonry. Lord Holmesdale signified his pleasure to do so, and called upon the Rev. and W. Bro. Dr. Mangan to give the inaugural oration. Dr. Mangan alluded to the oration he had delivered at the laying of the corner stone, and reminded the brethren that the event for which they were assembled was of great rarity and significance. He eloquently enumerated the virtues which Masonry enforces, and reminded the brethren how small a part of Masonry was its outward ceremonial. He trusted that many succeeding generations of brethren might meet within those walls in harmony and the practice of every duty binding upon them as Masons. An anthem having been sung by the musical brethren present, the lesson appropriate to the inauguration of a Masonic building was impressively read and the Chaplain offered the solemn prayer of Consecration. The essential ceremony of Dedication was then performed in a most impressive manner by the Right W. Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Eastes, W. Bro. Thrope as S.W., W. Bro. P. Higham as J.W. the Rev. Bro. Mangan, D.D., LL.D., as Chaplain, and other brethren. Throughout the whole of the ceremonies the W. Bro. H. Ward P.G.W. Wilts efficiently acted as D.C., Bro. J. Plant ably presided at the harmonium, and with Bros. Rhodes, Moulding, and Higgins, rendered most effectively the anthems and chants of the service. At the conclusion of the Consecration the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. Hemery P.G.W. Kent, expressed the thanks of the brethren to the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Holmesdale for his kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony. Lord Holmesdale, in reply, said it had afforded him much pleasure to be present and to observe how admirably the edifice raised by the brethren seemed to be suited to the purpose for which it had been designed. His lordship returned to the Architect, Bro. J. G. Hall, the plans, and heartily congratulated him on the successful execution of his designs. Bro. the Rev. F. King Vicar of South Molton, North Devon, P.G.C. Wilts, then rising to offer congratulations from the brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge of Wilts, in very eloquent language impressed on the brethren to take into their thoughts the true significance of the beautiful ceremonies they had assisted to perform. He alluded to the fact that Masonry is not a mere matter of ceremony of clothing or of jewels, but an obligation to brotherly love and fellowship. He had experienced the true spirit of Masonry in many parts of the world; a helping hand was ever ready to succour and relieve a brother in trouble, anxiety or distress. He had himself come from the extreme West of England to show his sympathy with the brethren of Canterbury, and he had been also entrusted by the brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge with the pleasing duty to make a presentation of a valuable piece of Masonic furniture to the brethren of Lodge 31, Canterbury. The brethren who sent that desired to associate with the gift the name of a loved and respected brother who had left them to reside in Canterbury—Bro. H. Ward. He was not surprised to learn the estimation in which Bro. Ward was held in Canterbury, for he had long known his untiring love and zeal for Masonry before he left Wilts. Bro. W. Tice W.M. 31, in a few appropriate words, acknowledged the valuable gift of the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings terminated. In consequence of the death of Bro. Miskin it was felt that it was impossible to hold the banquet which had originally formed part of the arrangements for the day. His Worship the Mayor privately entertained the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master.—*Canterbury Press.*

Mount Calvary Encampment of Knights Templar.—A meeting was held on Tauris day, 21th June, at Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Knights C. H. Driver E.C., T. C. Walls 1st Capt., W. Pass Treas., D. M. Dewar Reg., Jas. Rawles Equerry, Past E.C. Sir Knight Rosenthal and Knights Comp. Lurden, F. Driver, Graveley, Glenn, and others. Visitor—Knight Comp. J. E. Anderson. After the Encampment was opened, the muster roll was called, and the minutes confirmed. Comps. Dodson and Tisley were installed as Knights Companion of the Order, and Sir Knight Hyde Pullen elected an honorary member. The Encampment being closed, a Priory of Malta was opened, and Sir Knights Companion Dodson, Tisley, and Anderson were duly installed as Knights of that Order.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

THE annual distribution of prizes, at the Boys' School, Wood Green, took place last Saturday, in the presence of a large number of visitors. With a very few exceptions the members of the House Committee were present in order to receive, in company with the Rev. Dr. Morris, the head Master, the chairman of the day, the Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. G. Master of W. Lancashire, who was supported by a strong gathering of stewards, brethren, and ladies, the Grand Secretary Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke being also present. The Programme opened with two part songs by the choir, the first of which being entitled "God Bless the Prince" was sufficiently appropriate, seeing that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master is the President of the Institution. The distribution of prizes to the first three classes then took place, and was followed by two more part songs and Williams's Farce in one act, "Jack's Delight." The prizes to the junior classes as well as those given as special prizes by the House Committee, and by private donors, having been given to their several winners, there next came more part songs and another one act Farce, Gilbert A'Beckett's "Turned Head." The remaining prizes having been distributed, the National Anthem was sung. Such in outline was the programme of the day's proceedings, but a few further particulars are desirable. The arrangements gave the greatest satisfaction, and the noble Chairman expressed himself highly pleased with them. The choir and band sang and played with taste and judgment, so proving they had profited by the excellent instruction they had received. The farces went extremely well. The boys entered fully into the spirit of the parts assigned them, while several of them showed considerable elocutionary and dramatic power, E. H. Murrant, who carried off Bro. Capt. Wordsworth's prize for elocution being especially worthy of commendation. As regards the prizes, the Silver Medal for good conduct given by the Institution was awarded to Jas. Saunders Davies. The Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice Patron and P.M. No. 657, to John Henry Woodbine, and the Silver Watch and Chain for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° A. and A. Rite to a pupil on leaving the school, to Charles Sage. The special prizes apportioned out of the sum of £23, being the interest on a fund of Five Hundred Guineas, established by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657 and Vice Patron, were awarded to the ten boys who successfully passed the Cambridge Local Examination, Juniors, in December, 1879, namely, A. H. Stephenson, H. B. Brock, E. L. Price, who took First Class Honors; W. B. Evans, W. E. Cole, and A. R. Parker, who took Second Class Honors; C. D. Barrett, E. S. Robinson, and M. B. Ellis Third Class Honors; and H. M. Fenemore, distinguished for German—Certificate Fourth Class. The prize winners, in the several classes, were as follows: First Class, C. Sage, first Scripture, second English; A. H. Stephenson first Classics and French and German; E. L. Price, first Mathematics, second Scripture and French and German; H. Brock, first English, second Classics, second Mathematics. Second Class: E. H. Murrant, Classics and French and German; W. B. Tyler, Mathematics; S. G. Nash, English. Third Class: E. Taylor, Latin; C. Jackson, Mathematics; J. Tanare, French; and G. Perrin, English. Fourth Class: R. Rees, Latin and Mathematics; R. Hall, French and English. Fifth Class: F. Godfrey, Latin and French; A. Salter, Arithmetic; H. Searle, English. Sixth Class: W. Bayley, the two prizes for English and Arithmetic respectively. The House Committee Prizes were awarded thus—Writing: 1 A. C. Featherstone, 2 G. Robinson; Dictation: 1 E. H. Murrant, 2 G. Sparkes; History: 1 H. Brock, 2 W. E. Cole; Geography: 1 C. Sage, 2 H. Brock; Mental Arithmetic: 1 E. L. Price, 2 H. Brock; General Attention to Studies: 1 E. L. Price, 2 C. Sage; Efficiency as Monitor: 1 J. E. Prentice, 2 J. E. Buttrey; Proficiency in Drill: 1 J. E. Prentice, 2 T. E. Coulthurst. Captain Wordsworth's Prize for Elocution was, as we have stated already, awarded to E. H. Murrant. Dr. Morris's Prizes were carried off by W. E. Cole (attention to studies), Proficiency in Drawing (M. B. Ellis), Elocution (E. H. Murrant and G. Sparkes), and Perseverance (G. Robinson and G. Sparkes). A. C. Featherstone secured Bro. E. Bowyer's Prize for Book-keeping, and H. Pulman Bro. Meggy's for the same subject. Mr. Sylvester's Prizes for Drawing were awarded to A. H. Stephenson (Freehand), W. Jackson (Painting), H. B. Brock and W. E. Cole (Shading), A. R. Parker (Architecture), and G. Robinson (Pen and Ink Drawing). The prizes given by Mr. Holmes, the musical instructor, were carried off by J. Swallow, F. Dunnaway, and H. Carter.

Lord Lathom having fulfilled his task of presenting the honors so worthily earned, addressed those present briefly. He expressed himself satisfied with the arrangements for the day's proceedings, and congratulated the head master and the school authorities generally on the success which had so manifestly resulted from their efforts on behalf of the pupils. He offered some very sensible advice to the boys themselves, and laid special stress on the fact that out of eleven of them who presented themselves for examination at the Cambridge Local Examination, Juniors, in December of last year, no less than ten passed. Three of these took first class honors, and three second class, so that he was fully justified in saying the school enjoyed a high reputation among other schools in the Metropolis. His lordship also mentioned incidentally that Lord Henniker had offered a prize of £5 for the boy who most distinguished himself at the Cambridge Local Examination. It only remains to be added that the examiners—J. H. Taylor, Esq., M.A. Oxon and Cantab, and B.Sc. London; the Rev. R. Carlos, Head Mathematical Master of Christ's Hospital, and the Rev. J. Twentyman, Vice-Master of King's College School, reported most favourably of the educational progress of the boys, the first-mentioned saying that it was one of the best schools he had ever been privileged to examine. All interested in the success of this Institution cannot but regard such testimony as in the highest degree complimentary, not only to the ability and general intelligence of the pupils, but likewise to the admirable system of tuition and government pursued by the authorities, both scholastic and managerial.

A cold collation brought a most successful programme to an end, the authorities thus proving they were as keenly alive to the duties and responsibilities of host as they were to the not less serious duties of a school executive.

GRAND BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR IN AID OF THE R.M. PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE patrons and supporters of the Supplementary Fund recently started for the purpose of assisting deserving pupils on leaving our schools have every reason to be satisfied with what has been done thus far on its behalf. Not only has there been a fair aggregate of contributions as well as of promised annual subscriptions, but the Bazaar which has been held this week at the Freemasons' Tavern, and was opened under most auspicious circumstances by the Deputy Grand Master of England, seems from all that we can gather to have been a great success. Bro. A. Best, the proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, deserves the warmest thanks of the Masonic community for having placed the whole of his premises at the disposal of the Bazaar Committee. The Great Hall was most tastefully decorated, the stalls were well furnished with a large and varied assortment of goods, the ladies who had kindly charged themselves with the task of presiding at these stalls were most enthusiastic in their efforts to put money in the Committee's purse, and the visitors were nothing loth to render what assistance was in their power. In short, all seems to have gone as merrily as a marriage bell, and accordingly the result, in spite of the indifference which the plan appears to have experienced among the more narrow-minded or jealous members of the fraternity, would seem to have been a great success.

As the objects of the new fund have been again and again misrepresented, it is as well, perhaps, to say a few words as to its origin and intention. It will be within the recollection of our readers that when Lord Rosslyn presided at the Festival of the Boys' School last year, it struck him that, while the school itself and its belongings appeared to be most admirably conducted, there was still one thing wanting in order to make the good work that was being done complete. This one thing was a fund from which pupils who had conducted themselves well during their career at the school and who were proved to be without friends or means to help them might obtain the wherewith to aid them at their start in life. As his lordship very reasonably pointed out, the most critical period in a person's existence was when he left school for the purpose of launching forth into the world. He had received a sound education, but the important question that presented itself was how could that sound education be turned to account. With a posse of friends to back him up, of course such a point would easily be satisfied, but all are not so fortunately circumstanced, and it was in behalf of those who are willing enough to do their best but are unable to see their way to turning that best to account that this Supplementary Pupil's Assistance Fund was started. The seed thus cast at hazard fell on good soil, and no long time elapsed ere it bore fruit. Bro. Dick Radclyffe who, on many previous occasions has furnished various proofs of his interest not only in Masonry, but likewise in the Institutions which are associated with it, took steps to give effect to Lord Rosslyn's suggestion, and set on foot a plan for organizing a Pupils' Supplementary Fund of the character indicated. The scheme was most favourably received by the Craft, and, as to the Masonic Press, it was found impossible to speak of it in too favourable terms; but suggestions poured in without number, and there gave a certain warranty to the idea that it was in contemplation to establish a fourth Masonic Charity. As a matter of course these suggestions, when sifted, were reduced to very minute proportions, and the proposed Fund took the form which at the very outset was intended. And in order to promote the success of Lord Rosslyn's suggestion, it was resolved on holding a Bazaar and Fancy Fair—an institution which, whenever the name of Charity is invoked, invariably finds favour with the public. A sound working Committee, with a brace of energetic secretaries in the persons of Bros. Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun., were entrusted with the arrangements, and if there is a fault to find with the work they did, it is, undoubtedly, that the programme of the gathering was too formidable. To say nothing of the Bazaar, with its handsomely furnished stalls and their fair attendants, there were promised entertainments enough for well nigh a whole year—all, of necessity, crowded into the space of four or five days. Consequently, the difficulty on the part of visitors has been not to find the particular amusement suited to their taste, but to determine which among the items in the programme could be overlooked without loss of pleasure. It will be gathered from these remarks that the arrangements for the Bazaar during the current week left little, if anything, to be desired. Well-directed energy works wonders, and no one who has had a hand in organizing the energy which has been displayed need have any fear as to the amount of praise which is properly his due.

We do not venture to say the scheme has met with no opposition. Even the weight of such names as the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters of England, and the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland were powerless to prevent this. What is still more amusing is, that many who at first hailed Lord Rosslyn's suggestion with delight have since found out a way of proving their satisfaction by doing all they possibly could to resist the establishment of this Fund. Others there are who fight shy for the present, and until they know whether success is probable as well as possible; and among these we include not only the ignoramus and the obstructive, but also the would-be aristocratic section of the Craft, the men who think more of the paraphernalia and high degrees than they do of the legitimate teachings of our beloved Society. Well, we are grateful rather than otherwise for this opposition. It has already, in its somewhat circumscribed spheres, proved a valuable aid in setting the Pupils' Assist-

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ance Fund firmly on its legs, and we may certainly reckon on its support when the Fund has been once established. There is thus a fortunate combination of opposition and support, which, in the long run, must tell favourably, and for this reason we regard the week's doings under the hospitable roof of Bro. Best as a most auspicious beginning for a movement which deserves, if it has not yet commanded, the most complete success.

The Bazaar was opened on Tuesday at the appointed hour of one p.m. The Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom with his Countess, supported by the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, M.P., and his fiancée, Miss Maynard, played the leading part in the opening ceremony, which was of the simplest form and character. The Great Hall, at Freemasons' Tavern, was most tastefully decorated with flags, banners, and devices of various descriptions, and when Lord Lathom, who arrived punctually at the hour fixed, announced in the simplest language possible that the Bazaar was open, the coverings of the different stalls were at once removed, and the business of the day began forthwith, the Ladies Lathom and Rosslyn themselves presiding at one of the stalls. Among those present were the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Interim Treas. to the Fund, who was the first brother to encourage those ladies in their laudable task. Bro. Magnus Ohren, Assist. Gr. Director of Ceremonies, and well nigh all the members of the Committee of Management assisted. The opening concert was given by Bro. C. King-Hall, and he is to be congratulated on the excellence of his arrangements, as well as on the admirable vocal display made by the artists who so kindly assisted him. Later in the day other concerts were given in different parts of the Tavern, namely, those of Bro. Chaplin Henry, and Madame Barri Guido and Bro. Schuberth. The promise of good music, most ably interpreted, which the bare announcement of these entertainments had raised, was most fully satisfied, and if the visitors experienced some difficulty in disposing of themselves so as to be in more than one place at one and the same time, and if in some cases the audience might have been more numerous, that does not in the slightest degree detract from the merits of these performances or from the loyalty of the service rendered by the different ladies and gentlemen who attended. The great centre of attraction was, of course, the Hall, where at each stall quite a bevy of fair ladies left no effort untried to dispose of their wares. The large stall in the centre which, apart from its commanding position and size, was also one of the most attractive, was under the charge of Mrs. Frankenzstein, agent for French manufacturers of glass, china, &c., of 112 Southampton Row, Holborn. Here was gathered together a large and varied assortment of Bohemian and French glass, Japanese china ware, and other attractive articles, varying in price, so as to suit the pockets of all classes of intending purchasers, from threepence to twenty guineas. The stall on the right of the entrance was in charge of Madame Fontaine-Besson. Here, too, was a brilliant display of all kinds of wares, and it is needless to say how well the lady in question discharged her duties. Mrs. and the Misses Constable assisted at one of the stalls on the left, Mrs. and the Misses Morgan at one on the right. Mrs. and Miss Cremer, in conjunction with Mrs. and Miss Pond, exerted themselves most effectually in the sale of fruit, flowers, photographs, music, toys. Mrs. Radclyffe presided at another stall, and must have materially assisted in promoting the success of her husband's labours. Bro. John Constable had his Fine Art Gallery excellently well arranged at the back of the dais. The collection was a most interesting one, and its attraction was considerably heightened by the fact that a number of drawings by the pupils of the Boys' School was hung in the gallery, thus rendering what of itself was one of the chief attractions of the fair still more attractive. Mrs. Bland had charge of the magic stall, where conjuring tricks of every kind, from the simplest to the most elaborate, were offered for sale. Among other ladies who helped in this department were Miss Levy, Mrs. Loewenstark, Mrs. Gambier, Mrs. Rosenthal, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Hopwood, &c., &c., and each and all of them worked most energetically in the good cause. Professor Faber's talking machine was also present, and Professor Harris's wonderful "Cockie" displayed its powers to a succession of delighted visitors. Bro. Cremer's Surprise Aquarium, containing queer fish for anglers of all ages, the waters being strictly preserved and available for guests throughout each day, proved a source of amusement, while the band of the pupils of the Institution were likewise present at intervals and gave proof of their proficiency and skill in a manner which evoked hearty applause from all who heard them. On Wednesday, one of the chief features was Mr. Probert's concert, which was given in the Great Hall, and was deservedly well received by all who listened to it. A choice selection of glees and part songs was given, and in a manner and with a taste which left nothing to be desired. Messrs. Toole, Walter Joyce, Harry Paulton, and Lionel Brough contributed in their several ways to the general amusement, and as it would be difficult to find any among our readers who are unacquainted with the merits of these popular favourites, we may content ourselves with saying that their several contributions were very far from being the least effective portion of the general proceedings. Thursday and to-day (Friday) varied only in some few particulars from the former days, save that in the course of the afternoon General Tom Thumb, Commodore Knott, and party, by kind permission of Professor Miller, held a reception, which was numerously attended. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz's concert was given in the Crown Room of the Tavern, at 8 p.m., the artists who took part in it including Miss Minnie Hauk, Madame Marie Roze, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Madame Liebhart, &c., &c. We have no space for details, suffice it to say that it was a splendid concert, in every way worthy of Bro. Ganz, who organised it. At the close of the day a vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. Toole, was proposed to the ladies who had so kindly given their services and carried with acclamation. In the absence of Bro. Constable this well-merited compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Dick Radclyffe. To-day the proceedings will be of the same character, only that when the labours of the Bazaar are ended there will be a little impromptu dance arranged, so that the ladies who have worked so well during the week may have at last some slight set-off in the way of pleasure in return for their valuable assistance.

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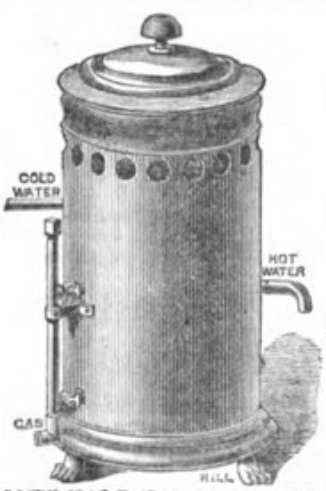
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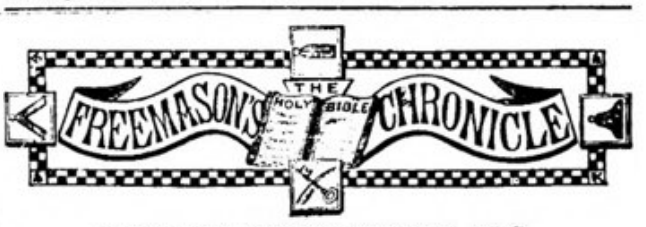
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The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

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and St. Hugh No. 1386. The large room of the Hall, which had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Mortimer J.W. 1386, presented a beautiful appearance, military and patriotic emblems being freely blended with the Masonic, as it was intended on the following evening to present a testimonial in the same Hall to Bro. Major Bromhead, V.C., the hero of Rorke's Drift. At 11·33 Lodge was opened in the three degrees by the W.M. and Officers of the Witham Lodge 297, and shortly after "high twelve," the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, with other members wearing "the purple," were announced. The brethren having been called to order, Provincial Grand Lodge was admitted, and the R.W. P.G.M. at once took his seat on the throne, when he was duly saluted by the assembled brethren. The Deputy Prov. G.M. was then saluted according to ancient custom, and the R.W. P.G.M. at once proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge. Present—Bro. William Henry Smyth, J.P., Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on the throne; Wor. Bro. E. Locock Deputy P.G.M., also Worshipful Bros. C. F. Bonner 469 P.G.S.W., W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W., Rev. T. P. Holdich 1286 P.G.C., C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treas., H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg., F. D. Marsden 712 P.G. Secretary, W. Finlay 1232 P.G.S.D., James Hodgins 985 P.G.J.D., W. H. Roberts 792 P.G.D.C., B. Vickers P.G.Asst.D.C., R. Garfit 1600 P.G.S.B., T. C. Lazenby 297 P.G. Standard Bearer, A. W. Lambert 588 P.G.O., Robert Thorpe 588 P.G.P.; James Eley 2726, T. M. Wilkinson 297, E. Wilson 1304, and A. L. Peacock 1381, P.G. Stewards, and Benjamin Box 422 P.G. Tyler; also Worshipful Bros. R. J. Ward 297 P.P.G.S.W., F. Watson 1386 P.P.G.J.W., T. E. Jacobson 588 P.P.G.J.W., W. Smart 272 P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Thomas 272 P.P.G.J.W., W. H. Bailes 272 P.P.G.J.W. (West Yorkshire), H. Sharp 1304 P.P.G.J.W., J. Bellamy 588 P.P.G.J.W., Henry Bates 469 P.P.G.J.W., J. 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Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the Hymn of Invocation sung, the roll of Lodges was called, producing the following result:—Harmony 10, Witham 30, Doric 10, Yarborough 6, Shakespeare 6, Hundred of Elloe 9, St. Botolph's 9, Lindsey 11, Pelham Pillar 5, Franklin 11, Alexandra 6, Hereward 4, Ancholme 4, Bayons 7, St. Albans 4, Olive Union 10, St. Hugh 26, St. Matthew 7, Isle of Axholme 2, Hamilton 6, Visitors 5; making a total of 189; the discrepany between this number and the number of signatures being accounted for by the fact that several brethren are members of more than one Lodge. Every Lodge in the Province had its representative. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Wor. Bros. J. Chapman 1294 P.G.S.W., J. Woodward 469 P.G.S., and J. W. Richardson 712 P.G.S. Fraternal greetings were also sent by Worshipful Bros. J. P. Bell, M.D., Deputy P.G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, the Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 P.P.G. Chap., and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A letter was afterwards read by the R.W. P.G.M. from Wor. Bro. Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.P.G.C., announcing his regret and inability to attend P.G. Lodge on account of recent family bereavement. It was proposed by the R.W. P.G.M., and carried unanimously, "That the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Spalding on the 19th June 1879, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read." Prov. Grand Secretary then read the minutes of an especial Provincial Grand Lodge held at Gainsborough on the 1st December 1879, at which the revised edition of the Prov. Grand Bye-laws was finally adopted: also the report of the Committee of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and Oliver Memorial Fund, showing grants made on behalf of the former during the past year to the extent of £96 4s, leaving a sum of £600 invested in freehold security for the purposes of local benevolence and education, with a balance of £155 7s 1d in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. On behalf of the Oliver Memorial Fund, two admissions into the R.M.I.B., viz., Alfred Thomas Cole, Alexandra Lodge 985, and Phillipson Marshall, Pelham Pillar Lodge 792, had been effected by the interest accruing from this Fund, assisted by the contributions of the brethren, collected by Worshipful Bros. Jack Sutcliffe 1294, James Hodgins 985 (joint Prov. Grand Charity Stewards for 1879-80), amounting to £308 6s, leaving a sum of one thousand guineas invested in freehold security, and a balance of £17 7s 3d in the hands of the P.G. Treas. The finance statement of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund showed a balance in hand of £26 13s 3d. Bro. H. Watson 297 read the annual returns of the various Lodges in the Province, as made up to 31st December 1879, showing an increase of thirteen members during the past year, making the total number of subscribing members then as 892. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 Prov. Grand Charity Secretary, who on rising was very warmly received, then read the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee, showing at the present time a list of nine boys and eight girls in the Royal Masonic Institutions, besides seven pensioners on the Aged Masons' Benevolent Fund. Letters were read from the Rev. Dr. Morris and Miss Davis, giving satisfactory accounts of their young charges, one of the boys (W. Cole) having succeeded in obtaining second class honours at the last Cambridge Local Examination. The worthy Secretary reported, with pleasure, the addition of two Lewises as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, viz., C. E. Bonner, Spalding, with ten votes, and G. E. Sissons, Barton-on-Humber, with two votes. Having been compelled to borrow a large number of votes to secure the election of William Black, in April last, it is feared the whole strength of the Province will be required next October to discharge the liability. The names of two widows were given as probable candidates for election next year. On the motion of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, these reports were severally adopted, and the grants unanimously confirmed. W. Bro. E. Locock Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed, and W. Bro. C. F. Bonner 469 P.G.S.W. seconded—"That a Form of Inquiry respecting candidates for initiation who are non-residents, and also respecting joining members (similar to that now in use in the Province of West Yorkshire) be adopted in this Province, and that it shall be incumbent on the W.M. of every Lodge within the Province of Lincolnshire to observe the same." Carried unanimously. Forms of Inquiry, similar to those now used in the Province of West Yorkshire, were then ordered to be printed at the expense of Prov. Grand Lodge, and a few copies forwarded to the W.M. of each Lodge in the Province. W. Bro. W. H. Bailes 272 P.P.G.J.W. West Yorkshire gave notice, that at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge he would move—"That the obligation to observe and use such Forms of Inquiry should in future be made a Bye-law of the Province." W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. proposed, and W. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 P.G.J.W. seconded—"That during the next and following years contributions shall be solicited from the Freemasons of this Province for the purpose of raising the sum of one thousand guineas as an Investment Fund for the education of girls in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution." W. Bro. W. H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg. cordially supported the motion, remarking that had the same plan been adopted ten years ago the Province might have received the same advantage from the Royal Masonic Institutions at an actual saving of £1,823. Divers brethren having expressed the opinion that the printed reports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls contrasted somewhat unfavourably as regards economy and general efficiency with those of some other Foundations, it was proposed by W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treasurer—"That after the word 'Girls' be added 'as may be hereafter determined by Provincial Grand Lodge,' and the remainder of the resolution to be erased to the end. W. Bro. Sissons having accepted the amendment of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the resolution, as amended, was submitted to the assembled brethren, and carried unanimously. Before asking Bro. Sissons to speak to the second part of the proposition standing in his name on the agenda paper, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master begged to say that he had that morning received a letter from Worshipful Brother the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., regretting that, on account of family bereavement, he should be unable to be present to propose the next resolution, which stood in his name, and which might have some bearing upon the present question, seeing which he inquired if any brother present was empowered to take it up in the absence of the Rev. Doctor. Receiving no reply thereto, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master requested Bro. Sissons to proceed. Thereupon W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. proposed, and W. Bro. W. Smart 272 P.P.G.J.W. seconded—"That the Fund shall consist of an Investment and Interest Fund, under the same rules and regulations as the Oliver Memorial Fund, and that, as a fitting token of respect to the recently appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and as a proof of appreciation of his earnestness and zeal from the brethren of the Province, such girls as may hereafter benefit by the Fund shall be known and designated as the Smyth Scholars." W. Bro. Samuel T. Haddelsey W.M. 1294 cordially supported the proposition, which on being put to the brethren, was carried unanimously. W. Bro. H. Watson 297 P.G. Registrar proposed, and W. Bro. C. F. Bonner 469 P.G.S.W. seconded—"That an honorarium of £20 be given to the Prov. Grand Secretary from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, for the satisfactory and faithful manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of his office; and that in consequence of increased duties the Prov. Grand Secretary shall in future be paid a yearly honorarium of £20 from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund." Carried unanimously. W. Bro. H. Watson Prov. Grand Registrar proposed, and W. Bro. James Laughton I.P.M. 422 seconded—"That W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. be invited to accept the office of Prov. Grand Charity Steward for the ensuing year in connection with the Smyth Scholarship Fund." W. Bro. W. H. Sissons having signified his willingness to undertake the office, subject to the hearty co-operation of the brethren of his Lodge (St. Matthew's 1447), he was unanimously elected. On the proposition of Bro. R. J. Ward 297 P.P.G.S.W., seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Shipley 291 P.P.G. Treasurer and P.P.G.S.W., W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 was, for the fifteenth year, unanimously re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bros. James Fowler 712 P.P.G.S.W. and William Griffin 712 P.P.G.D. of C. were unanimously re-elected Auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

W. Bro.	Edmond Locock 712 - -	Deputy Prov. Grand Master
	T. M. Wilkinson 297 - -	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
	G. M. Lowe, M.D, 1386 -	„ Junior Warden
	Rev. W. P. Jones 1294 -	„ Chaplain
	C. M. Nesbitt 712 (re-appointed)	„ Treasurer
	Henry Watson 297 „ -	„ Registrar
	F. D. Marsden 712 „ -	„ Secretary
	T. C. Johnson 1600 - -	„ Senior Deacon
	Alfred Taylor 1482 - -	„ Junior Deacon
	S. G. Gamble 362 - -	„ Supt. of Works
	W. H. Roberts 792 (re-appointed)	„ D. of Ceremonies
	J. W. Palmer 838 - -	„ A.D. of Cer.
	J. B. Swallow 1447 - -	„ Sword Bearer
	P. P. Dickinson 297 - -	„ Standard Bearer
	W. H. B. Beatley 272 - -	„ Organist
	John Laughton 422 - -	„ Pursuivant
	C. F. Liversedge 422 - -	„ Steward
	H. J. Seels jun. 426 - -	„ „
	J. R. Dudding 1282 - -	„ „
	W. Cocking 1286 - -	„ „
	W. Rainforth 1386 - -	„ „
	Wm. Gray 1447 - - -	„ „
	Benjamin Box 422 - -	„ Tyler

Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Prov. Grand Lodge

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was closed in due form, and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, attended by his newly appointed Officers, retired. The Lodge was then finally closed by the Wor. Master (Bro. Rainforth) and Officers of the St Hugh Lodge. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Old Corn Exchange, where a banquet was presided over by the R.W. P. Grand Master, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The toast-list was interspersed with some capital singing, in which all the brethren took part. The rendering of the "Masonic Auld Lang Syne," by Bro. W. Mortimer J.W. 1386, to whom the credit of the decoration of the Masonic Hall mainly is due, being especially applauded. Special facilities were afforded by the various railway companies for the transit of the brethren. It is understood that the annual meeting in 1881 will (D.V.) be held at Sleaford.

On 24th June, being St. John the Baptist's Day, the Annual Commemoration Service of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem was, by kind permission of the Queen, held in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the sermon being preached by the Rev. John Oakley, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton. This Order must not be confounded with the Masonic Order bearing a somewhat similar designation. It is a philanthropic Society, and the value of its labours during the last four years has been chiefly illustrated in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association which did such excellent service in the field during the Russo-Turkish War. Subsequently, a general assembly of Knights, members, and associates met at the Chapter-house, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, where, after a most satisfactory report had been rendered of the progress made during the past year by the various branches of the Order, and especially of the Ambulance Association, a paper was read by our Wor. Bro. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chaplain, entitled "Gleanings from Malta," in the course of which our Rev. Brother described at some length, and in a manner which received the strict attention of his audience, the buildings and other relics of the Order yet existing in the island of Malta. In the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Manchester, Sir E. Perrott, Bart., presided, and among those present were Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., and other Masons.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to an announcement which appears this week in our advertisement columns, and is to the effect that Bro. Niedzielski's Grand Evening Concert will be held in Steinway Hall, on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock. Bro. Niedzielski is one of the foremost violinists of the day, as those who have been privileged to visit the Polish National Lodge know right well. Moreover, he will be supported by a most formidable array of musical talent, among them being Mdlle. Marie de Lido, Mdlle. Avigliana, Madame Osborn Williams, Miss Mary Cummings, Signori De Lara, Vergara, Monari-Rocca, and Tito Mattei, the last named of whom will play the pianoforte.

"Happy Thoughts" are not confined to the pages of our facetious contemporary, *Punch*, and for once in the way we must plead guilty to the charge of having suggested a happy thought indeed. At the same time, while we feel it incumbent on us to plead guilty to this grave charge, and submit with all proper respect to the sentence which the court of Public Opinion may think fit to pass on us, we are so far fortunately circumstanced that we are in a position to offer what the French are wont to call extenuating circumstances as a palliation for our conduct. All the week through we have been suffering from a severe attack of Bazaar on the brain. No wonder then we should have evolved out of our inner consciousness the bright idea that the members of the School Band would be delighted if we were able to bother people into raising a sum of money sufficient to purchase a Prize Instrument for their use. We knew we should be able to enlist the kindly offices of one of the most active supporters of the Bazaar, and accordingly, we had no sooner conceived this happy thought than we revealed it to the head master, Bro. Dr. Morris, and having pointed out to him the kind of instrument we desired to secure, he showed what he thought of our scheme by putting down his name for half a guinea. We followed suit, as a matter of course, as the author of the idea could not allow himself to be an absentee. Bros. Binckes, Terry, and others also put their names down, and we are in a position to say that by this time probably the cornet is fairly on its way to Wood Green. We may add that Madame Fontaine-Besson, who has taken a great interest in the Bazaar, and has herself personally presided at one of the best stalls in the Hall, will probably let a second, a third, it may be even a fourth, instrument find its way in the same direction on the same or similar conditions. Brethren, therefore, who have not yet had the privilege of contributing their share towards this admirable purpose, need labour under no misapprehension that their mites will not be acceptable. So, with the showman we say, Walk up, ladies and gentlemen—all contributions will be thankfully received! Walk up! Walk up! Be it added, however, that we are greatly indebted to Bros. Festa, H. Thompson, Barfield, and others, who cordially helped us in obtaining subscriptions, the last mentioned throwing into his work an immense amount of energy.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.—The usual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and was very numerously attended. Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers, as follow:—W. G. Kent S.W., G. W. Gardiner J.W., W. Rosenthal D.D., Chaplain, J. Woodrow P.M. Sec., C. K. Crouch P.M., J. Allen P.M., T. Perrin S.D., Montague Vizetelli J.D., B. Cooke I.G., J. Craige Organist, B. Fulwood D.C. and J. B. Cramp W.S. There was a large attendance of the brethren, among the visitors present in Lodge were Bros. E. Healey 1185, A. Rosenthal S.W. 1673, P. Le Quin 877, Chatterton 1692, and A. R. Roders S.D. 1670. The business consisted of passing Bro. Johnson, and initiating Mr. A. J. Bellis, which having been gone through to the satisfaction of the brethren, some formal business was transacted. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where the tables were graced by the presence of a goodly array of ladies—wives, sisters and daughters of the brethren. It fell to the lot of Bro. Montague Vizetelli to respond for the toast of the ladies, and he humorously remarked that the members of the West Kent Lodge had shown their appreciation of the fair sex by taking wives unto themselves in so large a number, there being few unmarried members of the Lodge.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 29th June. Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227 in the chair, P.M. Musto S.W. and Preceptor, Lowne J.W., Watson I.G., Worsley Secretary, also Bros. White, Myers, Smith, Pavitt, Fyfe, Keable, Rawe, Sadler, and Johnson, whom we were very pleased to see return again after his very long and serious illness. Lodge was opened in due form to the second degree, when the Installation Ceremony was beautifully rehearsed by the W.M., he installing Bro. Musto into the chair of K.S. Bro. Musto resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fyfe being candidate. Bro. Lowne worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Worsley the second, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at 7.30. the committee for carrying out the summer banquet will meet at seven; the Committee beg to announce that they are quite full for numbers, and cannot possibly take any more names; full particulars previous to the day will be announced in this journal.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shoeburyness.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., when Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Prov. G.D.C. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. Eltham. There were also present Bros. G. J. Glasscock S.W., J. M. Fair J.W., J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G.D.C. Sec., W. D. Merritt S.D. 1000 acting S.D., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chap. J.D., S. M'Call Walker I.G., Whittingham Tyler; J. Ayling, B. Green, J. English, H. Church, T. Bertram, J. N. Carey, R. H. Butcher, S. Turner. Visitors—Bros. C. D. Purdon P.M. 36 (I.C.), T. F. Barrett J.W. 1000, H. Waite 1059, H. H. Howlett 1305, C. Higham 1525, J. Williams, and R. Soars 1536. The acting W.M. passed Bros. J. N. Carey, R. H. Butcher, and T. Bertram to the 2nd degree, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Agamemnon Betenson, Thomas Adam Hamlin, Henry Gunnell, and Hector McLean into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

The annual excursion in connection with the Temple Lodge of Instruction took place on Wednesday, 16th June. The brethren left the Temple, Princess-Square, Plymouth, at two p.m., and proceeded to Yealmpton in waggonettes, provided by Bro. Wyatt. After refreshments at Bro. Leigh's, and having been joined by brethren Yealmpton and Modbury, the party visited the celebrated caverns of Kitley, special permission having been kindly granted by Mr. B. J. P. Bastard. The subterranean passages and galleries were on this occasion illuminated, and lights were also distributed amongst the brethren, thus enabling them to fully explore the various objects of interest and antiquity. The formations were in many respects most strange, curious, and astonishing. A deposit of bones, imbedded in the strata, forms the roof of one of the passages. Tom Taylor, the guide, proved very useful and entertaining, and the visit was extremely pleasing and attractive.

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THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

WE append the list of Stewards, with the several amounts collected or subscribed. Where no amount is inserted the list had not been received up to the time of our going to press.

PROVINCES.

	Stewards	£	s	d
Berks and Bucks	4	105	18	0
Cheshire	11	313	12	6
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1	63	0	0
Derbyshire	2	47	6	6
Dorsetshire	2	169	1	0
Durham	2	136	10	0
Essex	4	89	5	0
Gloucestershire	5	234	3	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	5	222	3	0
Herts	2	290	0	0
Kent	11	563	0	0
Lancashire Eastern Division	22	378	2	0
„ Western „	60	2,664	18	6
Leicester and Rutland	1	194	5	0
Lincoln	2	44	12	0
Middlesex	11	403	2	6
Monmouthshire	1	26	5	0
Norfolk	2	207	13	0
Northumberland	1	638	17	0
Oxfordshire	2	19	19	0
Somersetshire	1	106	1	0
Staffordshire	1	36	15	0
Suffolk	3	99	15	0
Surrey	5	123	18	0
Sussex	1	84	0	0
Warwickshire	4	162	10	0
Worcestershire	1			
Yorkshire North and East	5	52	10	0
„ West	28	450	0	0
North Wales and Salop	5	265	17	0
South „ Eastern Division	1	126	5	0
„ „ Western Division	1	300	0	0
Mark Degree	1	91	16	0
	209	9,721	0	0

LONDON.

Grand Stewards		F Binckes	140	3	0	
Grand Masters	1	J W Fuller	15	15	0	
Antiquity	2	C R Rivington	48	6	0	
Fidelity	3	W C Clark	30	19	0	
Royal Somerset and Inverness	4	R G Halo	15	15	0	
St. George and Corner Stone	5	J H Hall	34	13	0	
Friendship	6	Lord Cremorne	21	0	0	
Royal York of Perseverance	7	J Marnham	21	10	6	
British	8	W Wellsman	16	16	0	
Albion	9	J Forbes	100	0	0	
Westminster and Keystone	10	Rev. J Robbins, D.D.	32	10	0	
Enoch	11	F J Carlier	52	10	0	
Tuscan	14	P C F Tatham				
Kent	15	J Pinder	31	10	0	
Old Dundee	18	J E Anderson	37	16	0	
Royal Athelstan	19	E B Grabham	52	10	0	
Emulation	21	W W Williams	37	16	0	
Robert Burns	25	J Lindner	32	11	0	
Old Kings Arms	28	E J Stoneham	43	1	0	
St. Albans	29	J H Bott	24	13	0	
Britannic	33	J B Batten	15	4	0	
Old Union	46	W Kingsbury	49	7	0	
Gihon	49	A Williams	51	9	0	
Constitutional	55	W H Marston	56	3	6	
Royal Naval	59	R Mothersill	69	16	6	
Peace and Harmony	60	D Nicols	24	3	0	
Grenadiers	66	J A Rucker	35	14	0	
Regularity	91	I C Strong	44	2	0	
Moira	92	H F Auldjo	10	10	0	
Temple	101	W. George	40	19	0	
St. George's	140	E. Johnson	47	15	6	
Prudent Brethren	145	W R Lister				
Sadogan	162	J Lyon	17	6	6	
Manchester	179	H C Green	70	17	6	
St. James's Union	180	L B Pillin	36	15	0	
Tranquillity	185	W Bamberger T W C Bush	60 73	0 10	0 0	
Jerusalem	197	R F Roberts	17	17	0	
Percy	198	G Cowell	15	15	0	
St. Michael's	211	W Radcliffe	112	15	0	
St. Andrew's East	222	J T Hutchinson	82	19	0	
United Strength	228	R Griggs	17	6	6	
Nine Muses	235	W Webb	15	15	0	
Unions	256	W S Ogle	27	16	6	
Prince of Wales	259	A Cooper	99	10	0	
Salisbury	435	E J Jeffs	19	19	0	
Zelland	511	C Millbourne	52	10	0	
Yarborough	554	J G Stevens	206	6	6	
Fitzroy	569	L T Crook	84	0	0	
Canonbury	657	A Leigh				
Camden	704	W F Rogers				
Panmure	715	E W Richardson	11	11	0	
Crystal Palace	742	F A Pullen	79	16	0	
Belgrave	749	J Coltart	34	13	0	
High Cross	754	H V Clements	31	10	0	
Royal Alfred	780	C F May				
New Concord	813	W Stead	68	15	6	
Victoria Rifles	822	M Hawkins	86	15	0	
Dalhousie	860	T B Dodson				
Finsbury	861	W G Hallows	60	18	0	
Temperance in the East	898	G Graveley	47	5	0	
City of London	901	A Ginger	57	16	0	
Burgoyne	902	S J Byng	34	13	0	
Royal Albert	907	R Jennings	44	12	6	
Maybury	969	Major H B Savory	28	11	0	
Rose of Denmark	975	J Garnar	52	10	0	
Montefiore	1017	J Syers				
Southern Star	1158	W H Sharman	100	0	0	
Marquis of Dalhousie	1159	C Cheston				
Macdonald	1216	W C Hall	27	16	6	
John Hervey	1260	A A Czarnecki	58	11	6	
Sphinx	1329	G T Bickerton	73	10	0	
St. Clement Danes	1351	John Wigg	32	11	0	
Friends in Council	1383	Maj.-Gen. C. W. Randolph	138	0	0	
Duke of Connaught	1524	W H Brand C W Smyth	55	8	6	
Duke of Connaught	1558	W Mitchell	21	0	0	
St. Dunstan's	1589	E D Maddick				
Ravensbourne	1601	W G Lemon	42	0	0	
Northern Bar	1610	R Luck	64	1	0	
Cripplegate	1613	J Corke	55	0	0	
Covent Garden	1614	J E Collins	55	13	0	
Bayard	1615	Lieut.-Col. S. Burney	34	2	6	
West Smithfield	1623	T W Adams	15	15	0	
Eccleston	1624	W Vincent	58	1	0	
Aldersgate	1657	G Kenning	64	6	0	
Samson	1668	B D Barnett	44	7	0	
Mizpah	1671	J Bergmann	151	14	6	
Guelph	1685	W C Claridge	79	15	0	
Orpheus	1706	M Maybrick	85	0	0	
Evening Star	1719	J W Sugg	116	11	0	
Kings Cross	1732	J T Briggs	48	6	0	
St. Leonards	1766	G T Barr C F Barham	142	5	6	
Kensington	1767	C E Williams	147	0	0	
Clarendon	1769	J Stanley	79	5	6	
Pimlico	1772	C Holden	17	6	6	
Coborn	1804	J T Hunt	27	16	6	

UNATTACHED.

J B King			
E C Woodward	21	0	0
Edgar Bowyer			
Lord Arthur Hill			
C Hammerton	42	0	0
R P Spice			
G W Verry	47	5	0
Abner Torkington	64	17	0

DEATH OF BRO. JOHN HERVEY,

PAST GRAND SECRETARY.

WE deeply regret to say that, at the moment of going to press, the sad intelligence has reached us of the death of Bro. John Hervey, who, in consequence of serious and long-continued illness, resigned the Grand Secretaryship in the early part of the present year. All who were privileged to know the deceased brother esteemed and respected him for the many sterling qualities he possessed, as well as for his uniform kindness, courtesy, and urbanity. He fulfilled the duties of his important office with great ability, and there are none who have ever been brought into contact with him who will not feel his loss as that of a personal friend, and lament that, after a long life of great activity and usefulness, he had not been longer spared to enjoy his well-merited rest. But these things are in the hands of Him who does all for the best, and it only remains for us to offer our deep sympathy to the family of our deceased brother, and express the hope that, in their trust in the Great Architect of the Universe they will find their much-needed consolation in this day of their bereavement.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

Bazaar and Fancy Fair, at Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 5th JULY.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 6th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—Dalhousie, Sistors' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Bayant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1141—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Rootle, 146 Berry-street, Rootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Belford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY.

103—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Ballam Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Alfred Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello Pl., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
248—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Mora, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Leith.
1147—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1735—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphage, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 8th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
393—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
399—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Cardine-street, Langton, Stafford.
702—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Perkin-street, Deal.
924—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1025—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1111—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Shaftesbury.
1569—Bala, Plas-yn-Cwrt Hotel, Bala.
1146—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1642—West Middlesex, Farmers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Marlow, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 9th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Ely Gardens, Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Acre and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
991—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1097—Beaconsfield, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Leven-bulme

SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girl's' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1007—Loyalty.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1201—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1556—Addiscombe, The Surrey Club, West Croydon

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP, No 160.

THIS Lodge celebrated its annual Festival on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Old Ship Hotel, Rochford. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by the W.M. Bro. T. King Prov. G.P., who after the ordinary proceedings vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Prov. G.D.C., who proceeded to instal Bro. John T. Harrington as W.M. for ensuing year. The following were invested Officers, viz.:—Bros. H. Harper S.W., W. V. Wilson J.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. P.P.G. Chap., H. Wood P.M. P.P.G.O. Treas., G. Burgess P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., A. Harrington S.D., W. Kilpin J.D., T. Shelley I.G., A. Lucking D.C., J. K. Frostick Steward, A. Martin Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. A. Wardell P.M. and P.Z. Prov. A.G.D.C., J. R. Hemmann P.M. 1000 P.P.G.D., J. Reeve P.M., G. F. Jones W.M. 1000, T. Shelley, Z. Pettitt, W. Moore, J. K. Frostick, &c. Visitors:—Bros. A. Durrant P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Treas., F. G. Green P.M. 1024 P.P.S.G.W., J. S. Brown W.M. 276, C. Eltham W.M. 1817, G. J. Glasscock S.W. 1817, J. M. Farr J.W. 1817, J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 Sec. 1817 P.P.A.G.D.C., B. Turner 1817, C. Floyd 1818. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. A. Lucking for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master. The Lodge was duly closed, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet presided over by the newly installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with the customary honours. The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful meetings of the Lodge of True Friendship.

EATON LODGE, No. 533, CONGLETON.

AT the general Lodge meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd June, the following address was presented to Brother Andreas Edward Cokayne on his leaving Congleton for Bolton, Lancashire. To Brother A. E. Cokayne P.M. Eaton Lodge, No. 553 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, P.Z. Chapter of Faith No. 321, P.P.G. Standard Bearer Royal Arch Masons Cheshire, E.C. St. Salem's Preceptory No. 15, P.E.C. Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory No. 24, Prov. Registrar of Knights Templar Cheshire. The members of Eaton Lodge, No. 533, desire to express to Bro. Cokayne, on the occasion of his leaving Congleton, their fraternal regard and grreat respect. While deeply regretting, in common with others, the loss to the town of an able, upright, and high principled inhabitant, they are pleased to believe that his removal to a larger sphere of business will result in greater and increasing prosperity; and although no longer a resident in this old Borough, the brethren rejoice that he will remain a member of his Mother Lodge, and continue to aid them in their work with his Masonic knowledge and zeal. They sincerely pray that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may attend their Brother in his new home. Bro. Cokayne thanked the brethren very warmly for their kindness, and assured them that he intended to remain a member as usual of the Lodge, and to have the continued pleasure of meeting his brethren in the Province of Cheshire as heretofore. There was a large number of the brethren present and the meeting was a most pleasant one.

FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313, SOUTHPORT.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of Fermor Lodge, in their new and spacious rooms, Bank-buildings, East Bank-street, Southport, on Thursday, the 24th June. The Lodge was opened punctually at 3.30 p.m. by the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. Benson Baker. There were also present Bros. W. E. Hobbs I.P.M., J. F. Roberts P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. 1313, T. H. Barrow W.M. 613, J. W. J. Fowler 285 PM., James Platt P.M 613 1313, W. Henri S.W., B. Wyles J.W., C. E. Bryan Treasurer (W.M. elect), J. H. Welsby S.D., P. M. Hunter J.D., W. Twist S.S., George Sam. Smith 1633, James Bryan 1035 213, W. H. Johnson 613, W. Bevers, W. Platt, J. Kirkbridge, Charles Hesketh, J. Barratt, Walter Wilkinson, James Twist, C. D. Allen, J. G. Howard, A. W. Wooley, J. Evans, S. Boyce. After the completion of the formal business, which chiefly consisted of confirming the minutes of the last regular Lodge, receiving the report of the auditors, which showed that the Lodge was financially prosperous, the Treasurer and Tyler were elected. Bros. E. Burns Taylor, of St. Hugh Lodge 1386, and Alfred W. Field, of Eclectic Lodge 1201, were elected joining members. Mr. Arthur Halsall was also elected as a candidate for initiation. Two sums of money were voted to brethren at a distance, who were placed in exceptional difficulties. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. C. E. Bryan was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Benson Baker, by Bro. J. F. Roberts and Bro. J. W. Fowler P.M.'s. The W.M. having delivered the preliminary addresses, called upon the Secretary to read the Charges, to which the W.M. elect assented in the usual manner, and likewise took the obligation. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master being dismissed, a Board of Installed Masters was duly opened, when the W.M. elect was admitted and installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The ceremony was most effectively and impressively rendered. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the M.M.'s were admitted, and saluted the W.M., and he was proclaimed and greeted. The Lodge was then closed to the second degree, the F.C.'s admitted, and the usual greetings and proclamations given, the Lodge closed in the second degree, and the E.A.'s were admitted, again the usual ceremonies were repeated. This portion of the proceedings was considerably heightened in effect by the exquisite rendering of a Masonic Ode, set to music by Bro. J. P. Bryan, and sung by a quartette of the brethren:—

"Support the Master, who rules by the Square;
Let Sons of the Light to the East now repair,
With hearts for his aid united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree."

The Book of Constitutions and the Warrant were then presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. F. Roberts P.M., who, in his usually finished and impressive manner, fully explained the duties of the W.M. and the moral significance of the working tools. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Benson Baker, M.D., I.P.M., B. Wylis S.W., J. H. Welsby J.W., J. F. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, James Platt P.M. Secretary, T. Whitehead P.M. M.C., Rev. C. T. Porter, LL.D., Chaplain, Hunter P. M. Hunter S.D., R. H. Johnson J.D., William Twist I.G., G. S. Smith Organist, W. W. P. Shatwell S.S., J. C. Evans J.S., G. Rockliffe Tyler (re-elected). The addresses to the Officers, on receiving the respective insignia of their offices, were eloquently delivered by Bro. J. F. Roberts P.M., and rendered especially impressive by the choir chanting the following odes on placing the S.W. or J.W. in their respective chairs:—

"Support the Warden, installed in the West,
Who works on the Level, where sorrows may rest.
With hearts for his aid, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree.

"Support to the Warden, by Plumb still aright;
Whose Sun in the South never hides its fair Light;
With hearts for his aid, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree."

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M.; it bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the Brethren of Fermor Lodge to
Bro. Benson Baker, M.D., P.M.,
As a token of esteem and respect. 24th June 1880."

The Anthem, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," &c., was effectively rendered by Bros. Smith, Boyce, Bryan, Howard, Twist, &c. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where a sumptuous banquet was spread, and the tables beautifully adorned with the choicest flowers and fruits of the season. At the close of the banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with that hearty enthusiasm which is characteristic of Masons. The musical brethren contributed to enhance the enjoyment of the evening by their orchestral and vocal performances. Fermor Lodge is well known throughout the Province of West Lancashire as excelling in vocal and instrumental music: to lovers of music it is an exceptional treat to find such a combination of musical talent in a provincial town. The W.M. is to be congratulated on entering on his year of office with every promise and prospect of a highly successful, happy and prosperous year of office.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th June, at George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., Appleton S.W., Hallam J.W., Wing Treas., Fox Sec., Hallam jun. S.D., Pelican J.D., Tolmies Preceptor, Fontaine I.G. Lodge opened in first and second degrees. Lodge opened in third degree, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brocklehurst candidate. First section worked by Bro. Hallam sen. second Bro. Fox, third Bro. Hallam.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th June, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Caton W.M., Linscott S.W., Kitchingman J.W., John Soper Sec., Abell S.D., Snodin J.D., Evans I.G., P.M.'s Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Hallam, Baker, Stroud, Dickins, Dodson, Trigg, Scott, Smith, and Russell. Bro. Trigg, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, was entrusted and raised. The following sections were then worked, first Bro. Abell, second Hallam. Bro. Robert Smith 201, and Russell Elliott 9, were admitted members. Bros. Linscott was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 6th July, at seven p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 26th ult., under the able presidency of Bro. J. Millington, who was well supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., Gilham J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin S.D., W. Williams J.D., E. Woodman I.G.; also Bros. Weedon, D. Moss, Mendelsohn, Houghton, Mullord, Brasted, Fysh, Trewinnard, &c. Usual preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Houghton candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Houghton candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. J. Lorkin was elected to preside at the next meeting, which will be held on the first Saturday in September. A vote of thanks was cordially awarded to Bro. Pearcy for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Preceptor during the past session. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Candour Lodge, No. 337.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th ult., at the Commercial Inn, Upper Mill. Bros. B. B. Bradshaw W.M., Sam. Robinson S.W., Thos. Grisdale jun. J.W., P.M. Thomas Grisdale sen. Treas., James Lawton P.M. Secretary, James S. Hall S.D., Thomas Drake J.D., John Buckley Steward, Joseph Berry I.G., Ammon Hawkyard Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. Blackburn P.M. P.P.S.G.D., John Hirst P.M. P.P.J.G.W., W. D. Hall, J. F. Tanner, James Robinson, John Shaw, Charles Shaw I.P.M., E. W. Platt and fourteen

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others. The brethren confirmed the minutes of last Lodge meeting, and the W.M. raised Bro. James Winterbottom, and passed Bro. Abel Holmes. It was decided to have a picnic of brethren and ladies to Chester. The report of the building committee as to building or renting new Masonic rooms was received, and ordered to be printed and sent to every brother before next Lodge meeting.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bros. Andrews (W.M. of mother Lodge) W.M., Legg S.W., Defriez J.W., Gieseke Treasurer, Hine Sec., P.M. Lyons S.D., R. W. Pearcy J.D., Lane I.G., Fenner Preceptor; P.M. Wilson; also Bros. Crane, Bromit, Wotton, Smith, Klein, Stroud, Horley, Bronkhurst, and Clark. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Horley candidate. Bro. Horley answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Wilson, seconded by Bro. Wotton, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Stephen Crane, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, become a a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Legg was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C. Bros. Kibble W.M., Goodenough S.W., A. E. Taylor J.W., Hamer Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, Rush S.D., King J.D., Hamer I.G., Saul P.M. Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Paddle candidate. Bro. Wright, as candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The chair was then vacated in favour of Bro. A. E. Taylor, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The W.M. resumed his position. Bro. Goodenough was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Thursday in September. Lodge closed.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell. Present:—Bros. Cooper W.M., Corpe S.W., Bott J.W., Corpe Treasurer, Hill Secretary, Taylor S.D., Foster J.D., Brown I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Daun Preceptor, Brooke, and Sleap; Bros. Stokes, Town, Pentreath, &c. There was a very fair attendance of brethren. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed very effectively. A special meeting was then held to consider the financial state of the Lodge. The brethren responded very heartily to a call, and it is hoped this Lodge will, under its present able management, increase and prosper.

Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry,
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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

BEFORE entering on our customary task of noting the principal features of the subscription list at the Festival of Thursday last, we conceive it to be our duty,—and we certainly regard it in the light of a great pleasure—to congratulate Bro. Binckes on having won back the smiles of fortune, and under her kindly auspices resumed the place of honour he has occupied on so many previous occasions, the aggregate of his Stewards' Lists, so far as they were announced at the Festival itself, being £14,002, a sum in excess of the returns announced at the two earlier Festivals of the present year. We can do this with all the greater satisfaction, because, in congratulating Bro. Binckes, we shall not be understood as, by so doing, being in any way anxious to establish an invidious comparison between him and his brother secretaries of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. We can fully understand that both Bros. Hedges and Terry would have preferred that their respective labours should have been the most productive; but, as we suggested last week, neither of them will dream of grudging Bro. Binckes being, so to speak, at the head of the poll. It was the place which Bro. Terry himself occupied last year, while Bro. Hedges has the satisfaction of knowing that the Girls' School Festival which took place during his first year of office as Secretary yielded more abundant fruit than any previous Festival held in behalf of that Institution, and this year his efforts have been even more productive still. Moreover, we may, in general terms, congratulate the three Secretaries on having accomplished more in the present year in aid of the funds of the Institutions with which they are severally connected than they themselves, taken collectively, or any of their predecessors have ever been enabled to accomplish, that is, in respect of these anniversaries. Thus, if we take Bro. Binckes's figures only so far as they were known on Thursday last, we find that the three Festivals, held in the year 1880, have together yielded over £40,000, namely, Boys' School, as aforesaid, £14,002; Girls' School, £13,748: and Benevolent Institution, £12,280; and if we allow for the seventeen lists yet to be received only the modest sum of ten guineas each, Bro. Binckes will have realised close on £14,200 as the result of the nineteenth or twentieth anniversary held since his appointment to the secretaryship of the Boys' School. In his case, too, as in that of Bro. Hedges, he has surpassed all previous efforts, so that on all these grounds we are justified in congratulating him, as we do most heartily, on the grand result of last Thursday's festive gathering. Having done this we enter on our task of analysing that result in the most perfect spirit of impartiality.

One feature will, probably, have attracted the notice of our readers last week. The list we published showed that there was a great difference in the aggregates contributed by London and the Provinces. The total amount being £14,002, and that set down as contributed by the Provinces being £9,721, it follows that the London Lodges only subscribed amongst them £4,281. Of course, as the Provincial Stewards (209) were almost twice as numerous as those sent up by the Metropolitan district (106), there is nothing singular in the total subscriptions of the former being double, or rather considerably more than double, those of the former, especially when we bear in mind that three-fourths of the Provinces were represented, while less than half of the London Lodges, or, to be exact, only ninety-five of them, sent representatives. Again, we recognise among them many who give regularly and many who are absent only occasionally, so that there must have been an unusually large proportion of Metropolitan Lodges which had no part in the success of the Boys' Festival this year. Next year, perhaps, this will be altered at this or one of the other Festivals. Of the Lodges, however, which sent up Stewards, we find Yarborough, No. 554, an East-end Lodge, sending up £206 by the hands of Bro. J. G. Stevens, who acted as honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. The next three-figure list is that of Bro. Bergmann of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, whose total exceeded £151. Close at his heels comes Bro. C. E. Williams of Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, wth £147, and then Bro. T. C. Barr of the St. Leonard's, No. 1766, with £142, Bro. F. Binckes representing the Grand Stewards' Lodge with £140 3s, and Maj. General C. W. Randolph, as Steward for the Friends in Council, No. 1383, with £138. Four other lists reached or exceeded £100, namely, Evening Star, No. 1719, which contributed by the hands of Bro. J. W. Sugg £116 11s, St. Michaels', No. 211, represented by Bro. W. Radcliffe, to the amount of 112 15s, and Albion, No. 9, and Southern Star, No. 1158, each of which gave £100, the former being represented by Bro. J. Forbes, and the latter by Bro. G. H. Sharman. Most of the Lodges standing highest on the roll of Grand Lodge sent representatives, but only one of those constituted since the publication of Grand Lodge Calendar for 1879, namely, the Coburn, No. 1804. In fact, of Lodges numbered from 1000 upwards, only thirty of those belonging to London were represented by Stewards, all the others being absentees. We trust this will not again be the case, at least for some time.

Turning to the Provinces, we note first of all the absentees, which, though not so few in number as at the Girls' Festival, are only one-fourth of the whole. Beds. (five Lodges) appears to have been satisfied with its exertions on behalf of the Girls in April. Bristol (eight Lodges), then also a contributing Province, and to the extent of upwards of £216, is unrepresented, and so are Cambridgeshire (four Lodges), Cornwall, and Devon, with, in round figures, some thirty, and forty Lodges respectively; Herefordshire (four Lodges), Norths and Hunts (nine Lodges), Notts (nine Lodges), and Wilts, with its complement of ten Lodges. The Isle of Man, Jersey, and the Channel Islands are too remote for us to expect more than an occasional contribution, so that their absence passes, as a rule, without comment. Cambridgeshire, however, is almost invariably an absentee—a fact we especially commend to the notice of its noble chief, who seemingly takes little, if any, interest in the doings of his Province, albeit he has no objection to act as the representative of His Royal Highness the Grand Master. We would also call the attention of Bro. John Deighton, the Earl of Hardwicke's Deputy, to this almost invariable absence of his Province from the subscription list, as well as to that of the members of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, which, it strikes us, should enter upon an honourable rivalry with the Apollo University of Oxford on these occasions. Cornwall figures at intervals, and when it does its contributions swell to a considerable aggregate. Devon sent up Stewards to the Girls' Anniversary Festival, and also fulfils its duty to our Charities. Herefordshire, as we said in the last of our analytical articles, is not a frequent contributor, and would be all the better if it were stirred into a little more activity. Norths and Hunts figured at the last Benevolent Festival, and

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, of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, are
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ls £571 10s 6d; now it helps the Boys
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ere the Chairman of the Festival, the Earl
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ss, Prov. Grand Secretary, contributed
a result on which its chief has every
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MILITARY

By Bro. R. F.

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Master Burnham of Maine, as
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peruse *all* "Early Histories" of America

The Grand Lodge of New York, in
Military body. The Master of the
Ancients] took the chair as Grand Maste
52 [37th Foot], 210, 212, 213 [R.A], 215
likewise *Ancient* Lodges, and 132 [22n
Foot] *Irish*, and 3, Zion [57th Regiment]

A warrant was granted at the 1st me
New Jersey Volunteers, and subsequent
the Regiment De Knyphausen [No. 5 loca
Regiment. Lodges in British Regiments,
the establishment of the Grand Lodge, du
to the monthly meetings, No. 478, *Iris*
attending in July 1783, whilst in the foll
—"that Lodge No. 90 [*Ancients*], in H.M
in 1798, when Colonel Arthur Wellesley w
their warrant, granted the 19th August 17
jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, upon w
to take their seats."

The extracts from the "Early Histor
Pennsylvania," which I have seen in the

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* Whilst this article has been passing
received from Bro. W. J. Hughan a copy of
(Grand Lodge

the expectation of receiving many replies to my letters. Indeed, some year or two since, I very respectfully craved a little information from three or four of our City Companies, but not a word of reply was vouchsafed, *by any one of them?*

If, then, this article, is perused by any Military brother in exile, who is a member of a *Scotch* or *Irish* Lodge, possibly he may be induced to co-operate in the completion of a record, wherein it is my design to bring into prominence the very great, yet much undervalued services, rendered to Freemasonry by the officers and non-commissioned officers of the British Army. Military Lodges *proper*—that is to say, Lodges in Regiments—are fast becoming but a recollection of the past, and mainly sustained, as they were, by the exertions of regimental non-commissioned officers, the innovation of "short service" will doubtless seal their doom. The familiar term, however, of "Sea and Field Lodges," so constantly occurring in our old Calendars, will still linger in the memories of Masonic students, though I think even the Archæologists of the Craft are unaware of the very extensive footing which Masonry had once established in our regimental system. Rather more than a year ago Bro. S. B. Oldham, the obliging Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, kindly furnished me with a list of the Military Warrants issued by his Grand Lodge. The number exceeds that of the English and Scotch Military Lodges put together, whilst, if we again sub-divide the Military Charters granted in Great Britain, those issued by the "Antients" outnumber the joint total of the "Moderns" and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Upwards of *four hundred* warrants have been issued to "Regulars" and "Militia." Many additional charters, moreover, were granted to be held in the various Brigades and Garrisons in India.

Of "Sea Lodges" *three* only are traceable:—

No. 254, on board the Vanguard, 1760;

No. 279, on board the Prince, 1762;

No. 224, on board the Canceaux, at Quebec, 1762;—

hough Laurie records that an unsuccessful application for a *Naval* Charter of Constitution was once made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Of the above cited "Sea Lodges" the last-named is defunct. No. 254 is *now* the London Lodge, 108, its connection with the Royal Navy ceasing about 1777.

No. 279 is *now* the Royal Somerst House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4. The last-named Lodge has a singular history. Under the auspices of Bro. Dunckerley (a natural son of George the Second), The Lodge on Board the Prince" removed to London, becoming he "Somerset House Lodge." Dunckerley, who was a member of oth the "Old Horn Lodge," No. 2, *and* the "Somerset House," rought about an amalgamation of the two, whereby the flourishing *enior* infused new life into the failing *senior*, and the impending apse of a "Time Immemorial" Lodge was happily averted. In 828, this old "Sea Lodge" again resorted to amalgamation, and on his occasion "swallowed up" the "Royal Inverness Lodge, No. 648. he "Royal Inverness" was virtually a "Military" Lodge, having en formed by the officers of the Royal North British Volunteer orps, of which the Duke of Sussex [Earl of Inverness] was the commander. The Lodge was established by Bro. Simon McGillivray (a st Grand Warden, and Prov. Grand Master for Upper Canada), ho, whilst he was Master, presented it with the drinking-shell and uff-horn which formerly belonged to the officers' mess of the Royal North British Volunteers."

Amongst the members of the Royal Inverness Lodge were Bros. F. D'Este (Son of the Duke of Sussex), Lord William Pitt Lennox, aptain Royal Horse Guards; Charles Matthews (the elder), "Comedian;" Lawrence Thompson, "Painter" (the noted Preceptor); and nder date of 5th May 1825 occurs the entry:—Charles James atthews, "Architect," Ivy Cottage, aged 24.

Thus the present "Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge," o. 4 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, is not only e lineal descendant of the Lodge "on Board the Prince," but may so be styled a *United Service* Lodge, preserving, as it does, a direct

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THE GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to a fraternal query from Bro. Jacob Norton—as to whether the English Grand Lodge records from 1723 to 1735, are original, that is to say, *entered at the time*, or whether they were copied into the existing book at some later period—I hasten to state, and can do so without any further inspection of the Minutes themselves (which is not practicable at the moment of writing), that Bro. Norton is quite accurate in his recollection of having seen the *actual signatures* of Desaguliers and other Grand Masters, which, along with those of the Grand Wardens, were frequently appended to the recorded Proceedings of Grand Lodge between 1723-35. As I feel, however, that what Bro. Norton wants, is not my *impression*, but my *deposition*, I will recur to the subject when I have again examined the Minute-books.

Yours fraternally,

F. R. GOULD.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL LIST.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that Beds—in spite of its solitary spurt in April last—and Cambs are again conspicuous by their absence from the Subscription List. The two together have, I believe, at the eighteen Festivals which have fallen during the period of your existence as an organ of Masonic opinion, contributed less than £70, which, as the one has five and the other four Lodges, gives an average of about *eight shillings* per Lodge, per Festival. This, reckoning each Lodge to have on an average forty members, is equivalent to a contribution of about *twopence halfpenny* each, at each of the Festivals during the last six years. This is certainly a large sum, and if the other Lodges in England had contributed at the same rate, our Institutions would have been, as regards voluntary contributions, about as they were during the first two or three years of their existence. Now, if each of these Lodges meets (say) seven times a year, and each member spends only five shillings each regular meeting, and ten shillings on installation night on refreshment—no very extravagant sum it will be allowed—then each Lodge spends £80 a year on the pleasures of the table, and this multiplied by 9 for the number of Lodges, and 6 for the number of years, gives a total expenditure under this head of service of £4,320. In other words, the contributions to our central Institutions, in the course of this particular period, are to the amount expended in eating and drinking, in the ratio of 1 to 62, as nearly as may be. I think that when a Lodge meets there should be a certain amount of conviviality, as it tends to promote goodfellowship among the members; but the duties of charity should not be overlooked or observed to so insignificant an extent as to be almost laughable. Some time ago one of your correspondents suggested that Beds would be all the better if it were presided over by a Prov. G. Master, and had an array of Grand Officers. This may be so, but it at least has done better than, or, taking into account the number of its Lodges, as well as Cambridge, which has a Provincial organisation. These nine Lodges are not all of them ignorant of the existence of our principal Institutions, for I have occasionally seen a candidate from one of them for the benefits from one or other of our Institutions. I have never heard of their having local Masonic Institutions of their own, which in a measure would account for and excuse their seeming apathy. There must, then, be a screw loose somewhere in the organisation of the nine Beds and Cambridgeshire Lodges, when the total of their subscriptions in six years is less than one-fourth of what Herts, with its ten or eleven Lodges only, has raised for this last Festival of the Boys' School. I trust that in future years this manifest indifference to the claims of our Institutions on the support of all our Lodges will pass away, and that our brethren in the counties I have been referring to will be as regular in contributing as hitherto they have been irregular.

Fraternally yours,

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BALLOTS FOR LIFE-GOVERNORSHIPS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think it must require a very prolonged stretch of the imagination to trace any resemblance between the venture known as the "Bentinck Racing Association"—to which Mr. Poland, on behalf of the Treasury, recently called the attention of Sir Thomas Ingham, and which that worthy magistrate so righteously condemned—and the little schemes every now and then organised by brethren for the purpose of benefiting our Masonic Institutions. It is unnecessary to describe the former at great length. It was a speculation for the purchase of a stud of race horses. The necessary capital of £10,000 was to be issued in shares of £150, £50, £10, and £1—so many of each value. An analysis of the principal races was to be sold at a shilling per copy, and purchasers of this were to have a chance, for each of the copies so purchased, in a lottery for shares of the Association, a modest deduction for expenses being first made from the profits of the sale. Thus, for the outlay of one shilling, a man stood to win a share ranging, in value, from £1 to £150, or if he preferred money's worth, he might sell his share at full price, less only 5 per cent. for discount. I need not characterise this venture, as Sir Thomas Ingham expressed his opinion by fining its originator £25 on each of the three summonses taken out against him, and, in default of payment, ordered him to be imprisoned for nine months. On the other hand, the ballots for Life-Governorships which Bro. Dick Radclyffe and other Masons occasionally get up are undoubtedly lotteries, but with a difference. The proceeds go into the coffers of the Institution for which one is organised, and all the winner gets is a couple of votes at each election annually for life, the exercise of which some people care about, and some do not. In the one case, the Company sought to benefit itself at the expense of the public; in the other, the originator of the ballot proposes to raise a sum of money which will benefit one of our Institutions. To institute a comparison between the two schemes is an absurdity, and yet the writer of a *Communiqué*, which appeared in last week's number of your contemporary, takes the "Bentinck Racing Association," which has been exposed by one of our foremost criminal lawyers, and condemned by our most experienced Metropolitan magistrate, as the text of a sermon against these well-intended ballots. The one has been publicly proclaimed as an intolerable nuisance—a "little game" that would not stand a moment's inquisition; the other has been the means of raising considerable sums of money for our Schools and Benevolent Fund. I say it is an insult to common sense and common decency to put the two plans on the same footing. And as if the insertion of this *Communiqué* were not enough, the Editor of the journal I refer to draws to it the attention of "all who otherwise might be tempted perchance to take part in dubious proceedings or hurtful schemes." What must Bro. Radclyffe have thought, if he read the two paragraphs, when he found himself placed in the same category with the adventurer who started the "Bentinck Racing Association," and who is now, it seems, undergoing a sentence of nine months' imprisonment?

Yours faithfully,

QUERIST.

"JACHIN AND BOAZ."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brothers Walter Spencer, Hughan, and "W." are puzzled about when the first edition of the above-named pamphlet was printed. Bro. Spencer follows the opinion of Dr. Oliver that 1750 was its first appearance. Bro. Hughan follows the opinion of Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, that it first appeared in 1760, and Bro. W. inquires for a Nicoll's edition of that work. Now, we have here, in the Masonic Temple, a copy of that work, which I shall describe. At the foot of the title-page is printed:—

"London: Printed for W. Nicoll. Dublin: Reprinted for, and sold by, Thomas Williamson, Bookseller and Stationer, No. 40 Wine Tavern Street, where may be had all sorts of Freemason's books."

"The pages of the first leaf are marked [iii] and [iv], which begins thus:—"An Address to Freemasons." The next leaf is marked 1, and begins:—"An authentic Key to the DOOR of Free Masonry." The same page, second paragraph, says:—

"In all countries where Masonry is practised or established at this Time, There is a Grand Master; but formerly there was only one Grand Master, and he was an Englishman. The person on whom this Title or Dignity is bestowed, such as the present *Lord Aberdour*, governs all the other Lodges in Great Britain."

Now, Lord Aberdour governed the English Craft between 18th May 1757 and 3rd May 1762: hence "*the present Lord Aberdour*" must settle the question, that the pamphlet in question was not printed before 1757 at least. Dr. Oliver was, therefore, wrong in his date of 1750. The probability is, therefore, that Bro. Carson's copy, dated 1760, is the original edition.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 25th June 1880.

THE MASONIC BAZAAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can the Bazaar Committee explain why or how it was the ladies who presided at the different stalls during the late Bazaar received no hospitality—at least after the opening day? I dare say the Committee were anxious to keep the expenses within the narrowest possible compass, but many of these ladies must have come from a distance; many contributed articles for sale, while all of them worked gratuitously, and their efforts have been most highly spoken of. Yet after Tuesday not even a cup of tea or coffee was to be had, except on payment. So at least I have heard.

CURIOUS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have it on indisputable authority that the Committee of the above Bazaar courteously sent tickets of invitation to the Grand Officers for the year, and that some of these had the discourtesy to return them. The Committee, having fulfilled what they conscientiously regarded, no doubt, as a duty as well as a pleasure, have nothing to reproach themselves with; but will the same remark apply to the lofty-minded gentlemen who needlessly went out of their way to insult the Committee, and in doing so seem to have forgotten that they were at the same time insulting the Earl

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of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, who had undertaken to preside at the opening ceremony, and has more than once spoken strongly in favour of the Fund, in whose behalf the Bazaar was held; the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who originated the idea which led to the establishment of the Fund, and promised to support his Lordship; and the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden of England, and Sheriffs of London, who, only at the last moment, were prevented by their civic duties from attending in state?

I hope it will be a lesson to these G. Officers not to act discourteously towards a body of brethren whose acts they may not approve, lest, as has happened in the present case, they should include some of the most distinguished members of the Craft in such act of discourtesy.

Yours sincerely,

SUAVITER IN MODO.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret to find, from your issue of Saturday last, that I have unwittingly offended the powers that be at Golden-square. Will you kindly permit me to explain that, in giving an invite to members of other Rites than our own, I had no other motive than that of affording to those who desire it an opportunity of witnessing the working of degrees which I understand have not been generally worked in England; and I thought that in opening our Chapter freely to visitors who possessed the necessary qualifications for admission, I was only carrying out the grand principle of fraternal communion so earnestly inculcated in our Craft degrees—the only real basis of genuine Masonry? Interpreting as our Sovereign Sanctuary does in the most liberal manner the Masonic obligation of fraternity and brotherly love, they make no exception to any holders of these degrees under the thirty Rites detailed in its ceremonies. In this country there are numerous members of these grades under the N.J. (Cémeau), Mizraim, and also both in England and Scotland bodies of Templars who confer and practise all the degrees of the A. and A. Rite; and it becomes no part of our duty to separate Ancient priority of claim from that of more modern numerical strength.

I repeat we have no desire to attract members of the A. and A. Rite specially, but we cannot consistently shut our doors to any brother who has a legitimate claim to admission.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES HILL, 32°,

Secretary Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.

7th July 1880.

A WEEK'S WORK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Weymouth, 3rd July 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Thinking an account of a week's work in this Province may be of some interest to you, I have taken the liberty of sending you a newspaper with some of the information. The work commenced on Thursday, 17th June, when the W.M. elect of the Portland Lodge 1037, Bro. S. A. Vickery S.W., was duly installed, between fifty and sixty brethren from various parts of the Province of Dorset attending. The ceremony was ably performed by the I.P.M. W. Bro. Waters, assisted by W. Bro. Smith P.G.M.C. After the W.M. had appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, he presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, given by the brethren of the Lodge for his services as W.M. for the two previous years. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, to a splendid banquet, served in first-class style by Bro. Hodsdon, and presided over by the W.M. Bro. Vickery, who took the opportunity of pointing out the progress this Lodge had made during the past two years, during which time it had removed from an hotel to a new Lodge room of its own; had increased the votes of the brethren from eight to over sixty, had given thirty guineas during the past year to the Masonic Charities, and had then about ten guineas in hand for the next Steward to take up, beside a balance of over £50 in banker's and Treasurer's hands. This for a young Lodge of about forty-five members looked well for Masonry in the Island of Portland, and showed that the brethren of that Lodge had the welfare of Masonry at heart. In January last, a number of old people, men and women, were invited, the day after the Lodge of Instruction was held, to a supper; several sat down and enjoyed themselves; to those that could not come from old age, comforts were sent in the shape of food, tea, money, &c. None that received this were under the age of sixty-five years. After spending an hour or so these poor old people went away expressing their thanks to the brethren, and believing that Masonry was not all mere outside show.

The work that followed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in the week following, will be found in the accompanying extract from the *Southern Times* of the 3rd July.

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL A. VICKERY W.M. 1037.

Lady Charlotte Schreiber and Mr. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of the Dorset Freemasons, laid on Thursday afternoon the foundation stones of the new church of St. Paul's, Poole. Lord Wimborne had promised £500 towards the fund. The ceremony was attended with full Masonic honours, many members of the Craft from all parts of Dorset being present, as were also the Mayor and Corporation of Poole. The new Church, which is to replace the old structure of St. Paul's, is to be in the style of the Early English period of Gothic architecture, from a design of Mr. G. R. Crickmay, of Weymouth and Westminster. The number of sittings provided for is 735. Last week was a red letter time in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Dorset, for, in addition to the meeting on Thursday of the Prov. Grand Lodge to celebrate its centenary, the Prov. Grand Chapter of Dorset met on emergency on Friday at Portland, for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter in connection with the Portland Lodge, No. 1,037, and on Saturday the usual Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, which day was the centenary of chapter of Amity, No. 137, it having first met on the 26th of June 1780, that excellent Mason, Bro. Dunckerley, presiding on the occasion. The original charter is still in existence, and kept at the Masonic Hall, as are also the old minute Books, with the minutes of that time carefully recorded and well preserved. Poole 100 years ago must have been celebrated for the activity of Freemasonry, as the Lodge of Amity was started as far back as 1765, and is still in a most vigorous and prosperous state. The Royal Arch Companions met at Portland on Friday at two o'clock, the hall being well filled. Many of the officers of the Grand Chapter of England had promised to attend, but unfortunately, this being the height of the London season, and their many pressing engagements, their non-attendance was unavoidable. The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of consecrating the new chapter was then proceeded with by the G.S. of the Province, Mr. J. M. P. Montagu, the P.G.H. and J. also taking part. The principals designate were then installed—viz., Comps. R. N. Howard Z., W. Smith H., and J. Jesty J. The other officers were appointed, and a large number of brethren were proposed for the degree. The usual business was transacted, and the chapter was closed at four o'clock. A banquet, in the form of a cold collation, was provided by Bro. Hodsdon, of the Victoria Hotel, at which the brethren of the Portland Lodge were admitted. A very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Comp. Howard, supported by the P.G. Supt. and other P.G. Officers past and present. The proceedings were much enlivened by a glee party of the Weymouth and Portland brethren. As before stated, the Prov. G. Chapter met at Poole on Saturday, not only to hold its annual meeting, but also to celebrate the occasion of the Chapter of Amity attaining its 100th year of existence. The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened at twelve, and after the usual routine business had been transacted allusion was made to the occasion for which the P.G. Chapter had met, and the Chapter of Amity received the best wishes and congratulations of the Comps., and resolutions were ordered to be entered on the P.G. Chapter minute book to testify to future generations the auspicious occasion. This meeting was also rendered still more interesting by a presentation to the P.G. Supt., Comp. Montagu, of a handsome vase for flowers, with a suitable inscription, on the occasion of his late marriage with Miss Vigne, daughter of the late Comp. Sir Knight C. J. Vigne, who held the office of Grand Prior of Dorset for many years this office being now held by Comp. Montagu, as well as that of P. Grand Supt. The presentation was made on behalf of the several orders by Comps. Rev. W. M. Heath, C. R. Rowe, and H. C. Burt. Comp. Montagu thanked them for the expression of esteem and good will shown towards him, and would ever preserve it and look on it as a great honour done him. The appointment of Prov. G. Officers for the next year was as follows:—P.G.H. Comps. G. H. Gutch P.Z. 137 Poole, P.G.J. H. C. Burt P.Z. 622 Wimborne, P.G.S.E. W. Chick, P.P.G.J. P.Z. 417 Dorchester, P.G.S.N. J. B. Cole Z. 170 Weymouth, P.G.P.S. D. Sydenham P.Z. 137 Bournemouth, P.G. first A.S. W. B. Rogers P.Z. 137 Bournemouth, P.G. second A.S. J. MicWilliam P.Z. 137 Bournemouth, P.G. Treasurer J. Jacob P.P.G.H. P.Z. 170 Weymouth, P.G. Registrar J. W. Luff P.Z. 622 Wimborne, P.G.S.B. W. E. Brymer J. 417 Dorchester, P.G.St.B. J. A. Sherren J. 170 Weymouth, P.G.D.C. W. Smith P.P.G.J. P.Z. 170 Weymouth, P.G. Organist J. Whitehead Smith P.P.G.P.S. 622 Wimborne, P.G. Janitor F. Long Janitor 707 Bridport. The P.G. Supt. Comp. Montagu stated he had given a large proportion of appointments to the Poole Comps. specially to mark the celebration of their centenary, and had given them the highest honour he could confer on one of them—viz., Comp. Gutch as P.G.H. He also observed he should like this event to be specially marked by some assistance to the Masonic Charities, and offered £5 5s to any Comp. of Poole or to their Chapter, to be given to one of the great Masonic Charities, provided a similar sum was given in addition. This was at once accepted by Comp. Sydenham Z. of that Chapter, on its behalf. The P.G. Chapter was then closed. By the kind invitation of the Companions of Chapter of Amity, the Comps. enjoyed an excellent banquet at the Antelope Hotel, provided by Bro. Curtis. Comp. D. Sydenham took the chair, being supported by many distinguished Companions and Visitors from Wilts, London, and other Provinces, this having brought to an end two or three days' hard but interesting Masonic work and duty. Such events as these can never again be witnessed by many Companions now living, as the next centenary in the Province will not take place till the year 1921, when a future generation will look back, no doubt with pleasure, on the interesting work so far completed by their forefathers.

MARK MASONRY.

BRIXTON LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE election meeting of this Lodge will be held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at half-past six o'clock, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. C. P. McKay W.M. Prior to the opening of the Lodge there will be a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners, when Bro. Geo. Clark will be installed W.C.N. by Bro. T. Poore P.G.I.G. assisted by Bro. H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Works the retiring W.C.N.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the Earl of Lathom's speech, on page 18 of our last issue, 4th line from bottom of last column, for £30,000 read £3,000.

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THE MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Fund was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Wednesday, the 7th instant. R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, presided, and was supported by, among others, Bros. F. Davison Grand Mark Treasurer, D. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary, H. C. Levander Grand Registrar of Marks, Baron de Ferrières, M.P., T. J. Pulley Past Grand Steward, C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden, &c. Bro. Meggy was unfortunately prevented through indisposition from being present. The guests, ladies included, mustered altogether between sixty and seventy. After dinner, the first toast was that of the Queen and Mark Masonry, which was briefly given, but duly honoured. That of the "Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, the Earl of Lathom," followed, and the Chairman, in proposing this, spoke of the great and genial qualities which had so endeared his lordship to the members of the different sections of the brotherhood. Sir Francis, at the same time, took the opportunity of referring to the noble lord's advancement in the peerage to the Earldom of Lathom, and congratulated his lordship on the honour which had been so worthily bestowed upon him. Those present having cordially endorsed the Chairman's remarks, and as cordially pledged the toast in question, Bro. Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary rose, and proposed the toast of the Past Grand Masters of the Mark degree, all of whom he was happy to say were playing an active part in the spheres of life in which they severally moved—a circumstance which, in his (Brother Binckes's) opinion, might be taken not only as an evidence of the vitality imparted to them by Mark Masonry, but likewise as a good omen of the vitality of the degree itself. He also alluded to another circumstance which to him was a source of especial pleasure, namely, that he had had the honour of filling the office of Grand Secretary under every one of the Past Grand Mark Masters, from Lord Leigh to the Earl of Limerick inclusive. Bro. Matier then gave the toast of Lord Henniker Deputy G.M.M. and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, all of whom he pointed out had done, or were prepared to do, their duty most loyally towards the degree, whose success was intimately bound up, and indeed chiefly dependent on, their exertions. The Past G. Officers, said Bro. Matier, had had their innings, and he was sure those presently holding G. Office would walk in the footsteps of their predecessors. G. Treasurer F. Davison, in replying for the toast, expressed himself highly pleased with the encomiums passed by the previous speaker on the exertions of the Grand Officers, and paid a well-deserved compliment to the services both of Brother Binckes as Grand Secretary and Brother D. M. Dewar as his very able coadjutor. Then followed the toast of the evening "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent and the Masonic Institutions," which was proposed by the Chairman in most eloquent terms. He pointed out how it was started under most favourable circumstances, in the year 1868, by a donation of £50 from G. Lodge; how it had gone on steadily increasing ever since, and what serviceable work it was doing and was likely to do. As yet there had not been many calls upon it, but those made had emanated from most deserving Mark Masons. Justice having been done to the toast, Bro. D. M. Dewar read out the list of subscriptions, which follows, namely:—

H. R. Cooper Smith, Berks and Oxon	20	18	0
W. Watkins, Monmouthshire	55	13	0
W. T. Clarke, Sussex	5	14	6
Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Warwickshire and Staffordshire	5	5	0
E. C. Mather, Old Kent T.I.	25	0	0
G. Newman, St. Mark's, No. 1	10	0	0
Dr. E. Passawer, Mallet and Chisel, No. 5	10	0	0
A. J. Bristow, Carnarvon, No. 7	68	5	0
S. Mattison, Joppa, No. 11, Birkenhead	10	10	0
J. E. Anderson, Hiram, No. 13, Richmond, Surrey	5	5	0
W. Klingenstein, Southwark, No. 22	5	5	0
E. G. Simpson, Union, No. 32, Manchester	20	0	0
T. R. Peel, St. Andrew's, No. 34, Manchester	16	5	0
C. S. Lane, Eclectic, No. 39, West Hartlepool	33	12	0
J. Smyth, Florence Nightingale, No. 44	31	4	2
T. Benham, Aldershot, No. 54, Aldershot	16	15	0
H. M. Green, Carnarvon, No. 62, Havant			
J. Blount Thomas, St. Andrews, No. 63, Southampton	10	10	0
A. Williams, Macdonald, No. 104	17	17	0
Aug. Walton, Grosvenor, No. 144	25	0	0
J. F. Tweedale, Union, No. 171, Oldham	26	5	0
T. W. Adams, West Smithfield, No. 223	10	10	0
E. S. Shepherd, Abbey, No. 225, Abingdon	10	10	0
Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Hereward, No. 227, Bourne (Linc.)	5	5	0
W. F. Lamonby, Faithful, No. 229, Cockermouth	10	12	6
T. J. Pulley, Leopold, No. 235, Reading	21	0	0
J. S. Badkin, Clapton, No. 236			
C. Park, Alfred, No. 247, Oxford	12	18	0
W. B. Farr, No. 257	6	17	4
Rev. C. K. Davy	5	5	0
Thos. Meggy	5	5	0
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Bro. Binckes, after a humourous song from Bro. Cozens, acknowledged the toast, thanking the Chairman for his genial advocacy of their Fund, and those present for having so cordially received it. He laid stress on the benefits which it (the Fund) must confer on those worthy brethren whom the vicissitudes of fortune might compel to seek its assistance. He referred to the educational branch recently established in aid of the children of deceased or indigent Mark Masons, and he paid a high compliment to Bro. Meggy, whose absence on this occasion was greatly to be regretted. Bro. Binckes also alluded, in felicitous language, to the death of Bro. Hervey, whose funeral had taken place that day, and who, in the course of his career, had proved himself to be one of the stoutest pillars of the Craft. The other toasts were those of the Chairman, proposed by the Baron de Ferrières, M.P.; the Board of Stewards, proposed by Bro. Davison Grand Treasurer, and responded to by Bro. A. Williams; and the Ladies, proposed by Bro. Aug. Walton W.M. Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, and acknowledged by Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith. The proceedings then closed. We should add that the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley Grand Mark Organist, who was assisted by Bros. F. H. Cozens, Crane, Hodgson, and Knowles—all of whose efforts to entertain the meeting were greatly appreciated.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

THE Funeral of this distinguished Freemason took place on Wednesday, and our respected brother's remains were consigned to their last resting place in Norwood Cemetery on that day. The proceedings were of an essentially private character, but, at the same time, there were many of his brother Masons who considered it a duty on their part to attend and pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Among those present were his successor in the office of Grand Secretary, Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke; his right hand man Assistant Grand Secretary H. G. Buss; Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Dodd, Lee, Sadler (Grand Tyler), Brackstone Baker P.G.D., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., H. Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, Dr. Woodman P.G. A.D.C., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, &c., &c., and Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer. Bro. Hervey was seventy-three years of age, and in the course of a long Masonic career had won for himself the esteem and respect of the whole Craft. When he succeeded Bro. Gray Clarke, his duties were light compared with what they had grown to be latterly since Freemasonry had become so popular. But light or heavy, the duties were fully carried out by Bro. Hervey with a delicacy of feeling and ability which secured general admiration. He was a wise and safe counsellor, especially in the advice he habitually gave to young Lodges, at the outset of their career, against the indiscriminate admission of candidates. It not unfrequently fell to his lot to be appointed the consecrating officer at the installation of a new Lodge, and, whenever this happened, he was invariably placed on the roll of honorary members in token of his kindness in having presided. He had received many testimonials, one of the most recent being a silver inkstand, presented to him by the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in recognition of his services, the Earl of Carnarvon, our Grand Master occupying, if we remember rightly, the chair on the occasion. Bro. Hervey, from his position as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge officially and of course, held the corresponding post of Grand Scribe E. in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England. He was also, according to the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*, a Past Grand High Chancellor of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine; Hon. IX. and an additional Member of the High Council of the Rosicrucian Society; and Member of the 32° under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Bro. Hervey was also a Past G. Deacon of England, and will be ever remembered as one of the kindest and ablest of our brethren, but more especially as one of our Lodges, No. 1210, bears his respected name. His fame, indeed, seems to have passed beyond the mystic circle of our ancient brotherhood, if we may so judge from the few brief obituary notices of him which have appeared in the *Times* and other papers, both London and Provincial. One of them, written by the London Correspondent of the *Liverpool Courier*, himself a skilful and popular Craftsman, who enjoyed the privilege of Bro. Hervey's acquaintance, will serve as a fitting appendix to this somewhat brief sketch of our deceased brother. Says our Liverpool contemporary, "The death of the late Grand Secretary of Freemasons, Mr. John Hervey, which occurred on Friday, will produce amongst the Craft general regret, although the event has long been expected. The Liverpool brethren, who are frequent attendants at Grand Lodge, to whom the tall, thin, bent form was very familiar, will feel that they have lost a personal friend, who was always courteous, and a Freemason of whom it is to be regretted there are not too many of the same type. Mr. Hervey was a Freemason in the strictest sense of the word, adhering to, and upholding, as far as lay in his power, the laws and ordinances of Grand Lodge, and all those principles which are taught in the three degrees of the Order. While no true Freemason could have rejoiced more than he to see Freemasonry extend, he was only anxious that it should extend in proper quarters, and deplored that, in many instances, men were admitted within the Masonic ranks who, if sufficient caution had been previously exercised, would have still remained outside, and not been the cause of further introductions which have periodically disgraced the Order. Repeatedly, at the consecration of Lodges, did Mr. Hervey impress upon the brethren to make only such men Freemasons as, by their lives and actions, were an ornament to the world, whether they were rich or whether they were poor, and he advocated strict inquiry into a candidate's antecedents before he was put up for the ballot. No doubt he would willingly have placed his personal veto on the extensive grant of warrants for new Lodges which of late years has been made by the Grand Master, and it is a testimony to Bro. Hervey's foresight of the evil consequences of such large grants, that for the last twelve months very few new Lodges have been granted, and many of these have been for the colonies. Mr. Hervey was an unmarried man, and when he was appointed Grand Secretary in 1868, applied himself with great energy to his work. English Freemasonry was then just emerging from the narrow stream in which it had flowed for hundreds of years, and entering upon the wide and open sea, which it has breasted since, and which has become wider and more open since the secession of the Marquis of Ripon and the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1875.

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TESTIMONIAL TO COL. S. H. CLERKE G.S.

A SPLENDID silver table service was presented to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on Thursday afternoon, at 33 Golden-square. About seventy brethren were present on the occasion. The presentation was made by Capt. N. G. Phillips, in the absence of the Earl of Lathom, who had been called away to Hughenden to Lord Beaconsfield. The object and value of the testimonial will be gathered from the observations made in presenting it. Capt. Philips said—Brethren, we are met here to-day for the purpose of presenting a service of plate of about the value of £450 to our Illustrious Brother Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, and I have to express to that brother and to you the great regret of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Earl of Lathom, that pressing business in connection with the affairs of State prevent his attendance to make the presentation in person. He writes to me—"Dear Captain Philips, it is with extreme regret that I have to give up the pleasure of presiding at the presentation of the testimonial to Colonel Shadwell Clerke to-day. I had looked forward to being present on the occasion, and it is a very great disappointment to me not to be able to do so. But Lord Beaconsfield has sent for me to Hughenden, and I am bound to obey his wishes. Will you kindly express my regrets to Colonel Clerke and the brethren, and tell them how much I should have liked to have been with them on an occasion of such interest, if it was only to mark the deep sense I feel of the very great services Colonel Clerke has rendered to the A. and A. Rite. Though we are the losers by his appointment to the Grand Secretaryship, I feel that Masonry in general is the gainer, and that we must not repine at his loss. He is still one of us, and I feel sure that his future career will show that we, who have known him so long, have not placed too high a value on his services. Believe me, yours fraternally, LATHOM, 33°."

It has, therefore, fallen upon me to perform this pleasant duty, which is the more pleasing to me, as I was the one at whose hands our Brother Clerke first saw Light, and he has been associated with me in Masonry for many years. Brother Clerke, it now devolves upon me to beg your acceptance of this Presentation in recognition of the valuable services rendered by you to the Order as Grand Secretary-General, and as a small token of the affection and esteem in which you are held by your colleagues of the Supreme Council and the members of the A. and A. Rite of Freemasonry for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, and may the Great Architect of the Universe have you in His holy keeping, and long spare you in health and happiness to come amongst us. Col. Shadwell Clerke in reply said, Very illustrious Lt.-Grand Commander, and you, Brethren and the A. and A. Rite, I really hardly know what to say on this occasion, I feel so entirely overwhelmed by the magnificence of the gift which you are good enough to confer upon me, but still more so by the kind feeling, the fraternal friendship, and I hope I may say esteem, which it typifies. I assure you that I was quite unprepared for such a demonstration, and I therefore value it all the more. Of course I regret very much that our most popular chief, Lord Lathom, is not here to-day to present this, as he was good enough to say he would, to me, but I am peculiarly gratified that I receive it through the hands of my old and Illustrious colleague, Capt. Philips, who, as he said just now, was the first to make me a Mason, and with whom I have worked for the last twenty years. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me that I should receive a gift through his hands. Brethren, when I first came to settle in London, after returning from active service in the army some years ago, it was a great pleasure to me to be permitted to join the higher Orders of Masonry, and when you entrusted me with the duties of Grand Secretary-General, I assure you I entered into it with the full determination that I would act for the prosperity of the Order to the utmost of my power and ability. From the very kind way in which you have received me to-day, and from this very handsome presentation, I hope I may lay the flattering unction to my soul that I have had some measure of success in carrying out my intentions; but I assure you I could not have carried on those duties if it had not been for the kind co-operation of my colleagues of the Order with whom I have been connected. Although I have been called to other duties, which prevent my attendance here as often as before, yet you may be sure that I have the interests of the A. and A. Rite as much at heart as ever, and I feel the greatest interest in the welfare of the Order, and of its members individually, amongst whom I have the pleasure and gratification of numbering a great many personal friends. I thank you, as I said before, from the very bottom of my heart for this gift, which I trust will be handed down to my children when I am no more amongst you, and I hope it will be an heirloom to my family to show the very kind feeling that you have evinced to me. I thank you very, very much." The inscription on the salver was—"Presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke by his colleagues in the Supreme Council, 33°, for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, in recognition of his valuable services as Grand Secretary-General. July 1880." On the centre-piece was engraved—"This centre-piece, with many other articles of plate, is presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, by the members of the various degrees of the A. and A. Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, as a mark of their appreciation of the valuable and honorary services rendered by him to the Order as its Grand Secretary-General for nearly seven years, and of the esteem in which he is personally held by them. July 1880."

CONSECRATION OF THE STANMORE CHAPTER, No. 1549.

THIS new Chapter, in connection with the three Lodges meeting at Great Stanmore, was formally consecrated on Wednesday, the 30th ult., by Ex-Comps. H. C. Levander Prov. G.H., H. G. Buss P.G. Standard-Bearer, James Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts, and H. A. Dubois Prov. G. Scribe E. The Companions present were Comps. G. Tidcombe, T. J. Maidwell, H. Lovegrove, J. B. King, J. E. Dawson Prov. G. Scribe E. Herts, C. Challen 315, F. Wilson Iles, M.D., Prov. G.H. Herts, G. C. Nissens 889, W. J. Green 404, H. Sadler Z. 169 Grand Janitor, and F. Honeywell P.G.O. Surrey H. 889. The Chapter was opened by Ex-Comps. Levander as M.E.Z., Buss as H., Terry as J., and Dubois as D.C. The petition and warrant were read, and the ceremony of consecration proceeded with, the oration being ably delivered by Comp. Terry. Comp. G. Tidcombe was then duly installed as M.E.Z. and Comp. H. Lovegrove (Scribe N. 72) as J., the H. designate Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, being absent through domestic affliction. The Companions appointed to office were Comps. C. Veal Scribe E., T. J. Maidwell P.S., King 1st Assist.-Soj., and Middleton Janitor. Comp. H. Lovegrove proposed and the M.E.Z. seconded, that a vote of thanks to the installing Officers (Comps. Levander, Buss, Terry and Dubois) be recorded on the minutes, and that they be elected honorary members of the Chapter. Several names having been handed in for exaltation and joining, the Chapter was closed, and after a stroll in the beautiful gardens attached to the house, the Companions assembled at the festive board, where everything had been provided in a first-class manner by Comp. Veal. Comp. Buss P.G. Standard-Bearer replied to the toast of the Grand Officers., Comp. H. C. Levander Prov. G.H. replied to the toast of the Prov. G. Officers. The M.E.Z., in replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Comp. Levander, gave a description of Stanmore and the objects of interest in the neighbourhood. Comps. Lovegrove and Buss (acting H.) replied for the second and third principals. The "Visitors" brought forth a response from Comp. Dr. Iles, and the "Charities" one from Comps. Terry and Dubois. The Janitor's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THESE popular minstrels seem resolved that the entertainment they have given at their home at the Agricultural Hall, almost continuously for seven years, shall lack nothing either in variety or excellence. No favourable opportunity for presenting a special programme is ever missed, and even where there is no particular reason for departing from the regular order of things, it is always easy for people of resolution to find one. Thus, on each of the five Wednesdays in June, they appeared on the stage with white faces, and thereby proved, what most people have hitherto doubted, that it is possible to make a darky white. But these Wednesdays were marked by something further in the way of novelty. On each occasion Part I. of the Programme included a series of songs, &c., quite different from what are usually heard at this class of entertainment, while on the last Wednesday of all they gave an Operatic Concert, which, even if they had not furnished any previous testimony of their ability in this direction, must have satisfied all who heard them that they were thorough artists, and capable of interpreting skilfully and with taste the higher as well as the more ordinary class of music. There were likewise other attractions—a favourite soprano in the person of Miss Eléne Webster, and a pianist, Herr Levinsohn, whose solos were received by the audience, as they well deserved to be, with intense pleasure. The programme, which opened with the overture to Masaniello by the Mohawk's band, included a string quartette by Messrs. Ottaway, Redmond, Smithyes and Forman, of which it is sufficient to say that it was one of the special features of the evening, and we trust it will not be the last occasion on which these gentlemen will furnish similar evidence of their ability. Messrs. Haydn Florence, and C. Garland sang, as they know well how to sing, the former, "Dear Isle, Farewell" (the "Come o Gentil" of *Don Pasquale*), and the latter "Ah love, how blest" ("Ah si ben mio" *of Il Trovatore*). Herr Levinsohn played "Erin" (Benedict), and a grand Fantasia, of his own composition, on airs from Balfe's *Bohemian Girl*. Miss Eléne Webster's rendering of "Sweet Spirit, hear my prayer," delighted every one and was most enthusiastically applauded, while Mr. J. Kavanagh, as usual, distinguished himself in his number—"The Happy Muleteer." The second part consisted of Ethiopian varieties, which, beyond the fact of their general excellence, call for no special comment. The Bros. Ray, Mr. Freeman, Little Thomas, Mr. James Francis, &c., &c., each contributed his share to the general entertainment.

On Monday was given a Grand American Festival, in commemoration of the achievement of their independence by the United States of America, the 4th July this year, which fell on a Sunday, being the day which marks that interesting and important event. As a matter of course, among the principal items were the well-known "Yankee Doodle," "Hail! Columbia," the "Star-Spangled Banner," &c., &c. This day (Saturday) another special programme will be offered, and we doubt not, well received.

The Kingsale Rowing Club gave their first annual Concert, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Wellington Hall, Upper-street. A very fair audience was present, and the programme, which was extremely well chosen, comprising, as it did, several good old songs and glees, went most successfully. The chief success of the evening was achieved by Miss Newton, a sister of the Vice-Captain, whose rendering of Virginia Gabriel's song "Only," was so generally appreciated that it was found impossible to resist the demand for its repetition. The fair artist, however, substituted "Tandy O'Flynn," and was rapturously applauded for her second effort. She had previously sung "Ever of Thee," and with Miss Atkins on the piano, Miss Coyte Turner's "I love my Love," Mr. J. A. Newton's "She wore a wreath of Roses" furnished the best of the Club programme. We hope we shall have further opportunities of being present at the Concerts of this rising Club, whose fortunes deserve to be, if they are not already, firmly established.

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By Order,

JAMES TERRY,
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of July inst., for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution; to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that sixteen be elected from an approved list of seventy-three candidates at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, the 11th day of October next.

N.B.—The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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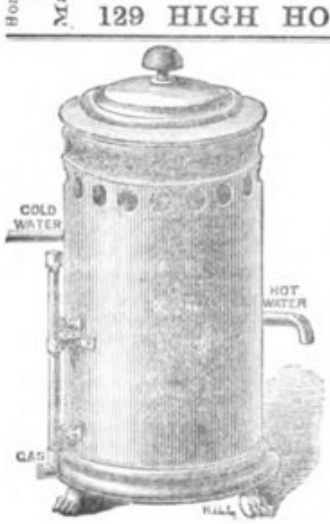
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By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,

CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
24th June 1880.

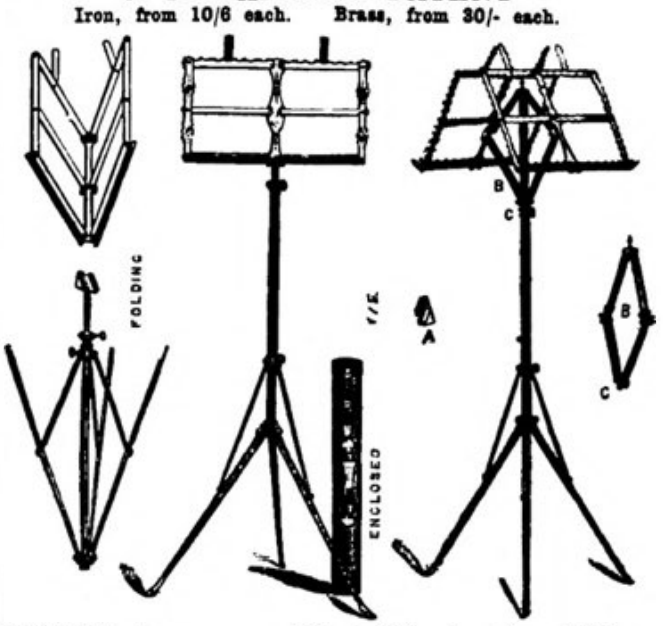
P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. James Hamer Owens, P.M., Sutton, Surrey; or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church, at 2·15 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

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performed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.), in the presence of a fashionable and extremely large assemblage. The Orphanage is intended for the reception of seventy girls, and will form a noble monument to the philanthropy of that great Order—universal in extent, and invested with so much mystery to the uninitiated—that has been happily described as a beautiful system of philanthropy veiled under the guise of allegory. Nearly nine decades ago the Irish Masonic Female Orphan School was established, a small house in Richmond-street being used for the purposes of the Orphanage till 1851, when the present buildings in Burlington-road were opened. Since that year, owing to the rapidly increasing number of pupils, the Orphanage has been several times enlarged, and at length it was deemed advisable to erect another and more extensive building. In May the site on which the ceremony of yesterday took place was chosen. The school-house, with its infirmary (a separate building), gate lodge, offices, and gardens, will occupy a space of nearly ten acres, the cost being estimated at about £12,000. The main building will form two sides of a quadrangle, one facing the Blackrock-road, and the other Simmon's Court Avenue, and will be built in the style of architecture, freely treated, which prevailed about the reign of Queen Anne. The external facing of the walls will be of grey brick, with dressings of red Dumfriesshire stone and red brick. The building, which will consist of three storeys, will be 55 feet high, with a tower 100 feet in height from the ground, through which a winding staircase will extend from the lowest to the highest floor, large and spacious corridors running right and left from it, communicating with the various tiers of rooms. On the ground floor the tower will form a porch, entered by an elaborate cut stone doorway, giving access to the grand staircase. On the west the building will extend 96 feet in length, and on the north 120 feet. On the ground floor there will be school and class rooms, a large play room, a dining hall, 44 feet by 21 feet, and board-room, 13 feet by 18 feet. The second storey will contain a dormitory, 54 feet by 22 feet, class rooms, music, drawing, and other rooms. The third floor will consist of three dormitories—one, 54 feet by 22 feet, the second 44 feet by 22 feet, and the third 34 feet by 20—and teachers' rooms. In order that the dormitories may obtain the greatest amount of sun heat, the corridors in that portion of the Orphanage facing the north have been placed in the front; but in the western wing, for a contrary reason, the corridor runs behind the dining room, so as to secure for it shade and coolness. Care has also been taken to provide against danger arising from fire by the erection of a staircase in the rear. It may be added that all the baths will be situate in the tower, so that should any of the pipes burst, the leakage will cause as little damage as possible, the Mineral Rock Asphalte Company having lined all the foundation walls with Fottrell's Imperishable Rock Asphalte. Judging from the plans approved of by the Building Committee, there can be no doubt but that the Orphanage, when completed, will not only form a comfortable and happy home for its young inmates, but will present a very fine appearance. Extensive recreation grounds will be attached to the school, so as to afford the children every opportunity for healthful exercise and amusement. The designs for the buildings, it may be mentioned, have been drawn up by Messrs. M'Curdy and Mitchell, and the contract for the erection has been obtained by Messrs. G. Gahan and Son. Soon after three o'clock yesterday afternoon a large number of visitors had collected on the field on which the ceremony of the day was to take place, and, as the hour grew later, the assemblage became rapidly larger and larger. Two large platforms had been erected at opposite sides of the place in which the stone was to be laid, and long before four o'clock, the time appointed for the commencement of the proceedings, were well filled, while the field itself was crowded by large numbers of persons, the light-coloured summer dresses of the ladies and the insignia worn by the gentlemen creating an extremely pleasant effect, and rendering the scene to an unaccustomed beholder of Masonic celebrations at once novel and interesting. Just as the seats on the platform had been taken a heavy shower

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Masonic charity, to the honour and advancement of the Order, and to the inestimable advantage of many orphans upon whose young lives the shadows of death and of impending poverty may have rested, but to whom this institution will afford a safe and happy refuge. In the past our school has done a noble work. It affords a true home and a place of generous education to our pupils during their early years. We use every effort to watch over them, as over our own children, until they have reached independence. According to their several abilities, they are prepared to earn their livelihood by teaching or in business, and the resources of the Masonic Order enable us to place them in safety throughout the empire wherever their welfare and advancement can best be secured. To those who prove themselves capable, we give the highest training we can obtain, sending them, when necessary, to England and to the Continent to complete their education. In our school's long register there is not one single instance of shame or discredit brought upon us by the conduct or character of those whom we have sent into the world. We know that very many have been enabled to secure a happy independence, and to attain substantial and even brilliant success in life by their use of the teaching received in our Masonic School, and we are proud and thankful to believe that, though scattered over almost the whole earth, they have one and all proved themselves to have been virtuously brought up in the love of God, to learn and labour truly to do their duty in that state of life to which it has pleased Him to call them. For the future, stedfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, we reverently commend our work to "the Father of the fatherless, who defended the cause of the widows, even God in his holy habitation." Most Worshipful Grand Master, the corner stone of the foundation of this our New Masonic School has been, in obedience to the charge laid upon us, fitly prepared, and is now ready to be made the corner stone of the building. We therefore now crave your fraternal assistance in duly laying the same in its proper position, at the north-eastern angle of the foundation. The Grand Chaplain having made the invocation, the stone was laid with the customary ceremonies, and the Grand Officers having returned to their places, the Grand Master said—We, James Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, and the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, declare this corner stone to be plumb, level, and square, and so duly laid according to the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Freemasonry; and may the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generations! All present then joined in singing the following verses of the Hundredth Psalm:—

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, with the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens, then proceeded to the corner stone, accompanied by the Past Masters bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil, and the Grand Steward presenting to the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the cornucopia, he dropped the corn on the stone, and said—"May plenty be showered down on the people of this ancient realm, and may the labours of the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift." The Grand Steward then presented the wine to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, who poured it on the stone, and said—"May the health of the Craftsmen employed in erecting this building be preserved to them, and may the supreme Architect bless and prosper their labours." The Grand Steward then presented the oil to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, who dropped oil on the stone, and said—"May the Supreme Ruler of the world vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to all the subjects of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the fraternity of Freemasons; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labours of the Craftsmen easy, and their burdens light." The Grand Officers returned to their stations and places. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master then presented the architects (Messrs. M'Curdy and Mitchell) to the Grand Master, saying—"Most Worshipful Grand Master,—Let me present to you Brothers M'Curdy and Mitchell, chosen to be the architects of the New Masonic School. They have their Craftsmen ready for the work, and desire you to give them the designs from the trestle board." The Most Worshipful Grand Master then handed them the plan, and entrusted them with the work. The Grand Steward then proclaimed:—Silence! silence! silence! Brethren,—Take notice that James, Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has this day, at this place laid the corner-stone of the New Masonic Female Orphan School." He repeated the proclamation three times, turning S., W. and E., and after the third time, facing the East, added:—"Wisdom! Strength! Fraternity!" The Grand Chaplain gave the benediction as follows:—"May the blessings of God Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth and all worlds, and they who dwell therein, be with us all, and remain with us, now and for ever. Amen." The band having played the Hallelujah Chorus, M.W. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, addressing the Lord Lieutenant, then said—May it please your Excellency, we return your Excellency, yourself a Free and Accepted Mason, and the Countess Cowper, our grateful thanks for the honour you have done our body, and for the kindly interest which your gracious presence indicates in the success of our school. We have been engaged to-day in a ceremony both interesting and suggestive. We have laid the foundation-stone of a new school for the female orphan children of Masons, but we trust we have also laid the foundation of a good, useful, religious life for a number of these poor children. We trust and believe that these children will be brought up in those principles which are the staple and groundwork of Freemasonry, and which are the best calculated to make them hereafter useful, benevolent, and religious. We have laid this stone to-day with all Masonic honours, and with all that human skill and foresight can suggest, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless our endeavours, and may ordain that our work to-day may bear fruit and ripen to the glory of God and to the profit of our fellow-creatures. (So mote it be). His Excellency raised his hat, and having bowed his acknowledgments in reply, in a few minutes afterwards took his departure amid loud cheers. —*Irish Times.*

BRO. DICK RADCLYFFE'S DRAWING.

We hereby certify that the drawing of numbers in Bro. Dick Radclyffe's Ballot for Life Subscriberships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held this day, and the following were the winning numbers:—

No. of Ticket.	From Books sold by	No. of Ticket.	From Books sold by
9,448	John Constable	40,696	H.R.H. Prince Leopold
17,913	Capt. Percival	24,487	J. Black
425	Griffiths Smith	38,746	J. L. Aspland
36,004	J. Barrett	A1,395	Dan Godfrey
26,086	P. Higham	26,554	G. Robinson
20,302	T. Mitchell	12,288	G. Baxter
29,530	A. Gladwell	17,263	Dick Radclyffe
A763	J. Strokirk	38,755	J. L. Aspland
13,266	W. H. Saunders	14,731	J. Neilson
15,818	R. Hunter	26,169	H. S. Goodall
38,647	J. Dover	7,696	Charles Oades
20,204	John Hartley	31,911	John G. Dunock
43,012	M. Isaacs	25,185	W. Steppings
A634	John Newcomb	11,325	John Constable
17,222	J. Gibbons	17,247	P. Harrison
39,846	W. Hopekirk	23,137	Cadogan (Harrington)
1,672	Rev. J. Daunt	40,399	Henri Bué
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(Signed) JOHN CONSTABLE.
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JAMES STEVENS.
FREDERICK BINCKES.
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6th July 1880.

Those numbers reported after the 6th will be included in a ballot to take place as soon as a full return is made. Brethren are requested to report sales at once, and return books not sold.

PROVINCE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

Testimonial to the Worshipful BRO. M. C. PECK P.M. P.Z. &c., *Prov. Grand Secretary, and Prov. Grand Scribe E. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.*

AT a meeting of Provincial Grand Officers, First Principals of Chapters, and Masters of Lodges of this Province, duly convened and held at York, in the York Lodge, on Thursday the 20th ult., the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

1st. That a Testimonial of respect and esteem is eminently due from this Province to Wor. Bro. M. C. Peck P.M. and P.Z., in recognition of his long-continued and valuable honorary services as Prov. Grand Sec. and Prov. Grand Scribe E.

2nd. That a Committee be appointed to deliberate upon the best mode of attaining this object, and carrying it into effect; and that such Committee consist of the following members, namely:—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Actual Prov. Grand Officers or their representatives, the W. Masters and Wardens of all the Lodges in the Province or their representatives, the Three Principals of each Chapter in the Province or their representatives, with power to add to their number.

3rd. That W. Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell D.P.G.M. be the Chairman, W. Bro. R. W. Hollon P.G. Treas. be the Treasurer, and that the Chairman do appoint a Secretary.

4th. That the subscription of individual brethren be limited to 10s 6d, but that this limitation shall not extend to Lodges and Chapters; and that a subscription list be now opened.

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions, and on behalf of the Committee, subscriptions are invited, which may be transmitted through the various Secretaries of Lodges in the Province.

It is intended that, as soon as the subscriptions have been received, and the amount of contributions ascertained, a Meeting of the General Committee shall be called to decide upon the form which the testimonial shall take, and to arrange for its presentation.

The Subscription List, headed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, has already received the hearty support of the Present and Past Officers of the Province, but it is thought desirable in a testimonial of this character that every member should have an opportunity of subscribing, so that the result may be worthy, not only of the Province, but also of Bro. Peck (who has served a period of fifteen years gratuitously). The support of every brother is therefore fraternally solicited.

Bro. THOS. THOMPSON P.M. and Z. No. 57, S.P.G.D., is the Honorary Secretary to the Fund.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

THE installation meeting of this young Lodge was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Friday, the 2nd instant. Present—Bros. Robt. Jackson W.M., Wm. J. Cook S.W. and W.M. elect, Fred. J. Smith P.M., Thos. West J.W., Henry G. Denbigh S.D., Geo. Bird J.D., A. J. Cox I.G., H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D., Geo. M. Downie, W. J. Bailey, Horace Bacon, Richard Nunnerley, J. H. Francis, Wm. T. Hockin, Wm. J. Ramsay, Alex. Gibson, E. Harfield P.M. 185, C. Pugsley P.M. 1586, O. Newman 619, E. Partridge 1686, Dr. Charles Hill Drury J.W. 85, R. S. Blackmore 1327, E. A. Busley 548, Edward Whitehead Steward, Geo. Cook, T. Whiffin, E. J. M. Ploton, Joseph Nunnerley, M. Blackmore, W. W. Stevens, Adolphe Buist, Ed. Watkins, W. P. Shand P.M. 720, J. G. Attwood 569, J. C. Larner 1586, Fred. Bullock 1586, R. V. Harman I.G. 1692, A. Edwards 1625. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree by the W.M. (Bro. R. Jackson) in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the report of the auditors was submitted, and duly passed by the brethren, after which the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Wm. H. Cook was then presented to the Worshipful Installing Master (Bro. Robt. Jackson) by Bro. Fred. J. Smith P.M., for installation, and in the customary manner. The Lodge being opened in the 3rd degree, all brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired, and a board of Installed Masters being formed, the W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren were re-admitted, and the newly installed W.M. saluted, proclaimed and greeted in the East, West and South. The newly installed Master then invested as his Officers, for the ensuing year, the following brethren:—Bros. Thos. West S.W., H. G. Denbigh J.W., Robert Jackson I.P.M. Treasurer, Edward Whitehead Secretary, George Bird S.D., A. J. Cox J.D., G. M. Downie I.G., George Cook Organist, Horace Bacon Steward, A. B. Church Tyler. The Worshipful Installing Master (Bro. Jackson) having delivered the antient charges to the Wardens and brethren, in a most impressive manner, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented Bro. Jackson with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of their esteem and gratitude, for the zeal and unflagging energy he had displayed in carrying out the duties of the chair. Bro. Jackson acknowledged the presentation in a few well chosen words; and after hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren afterwards repaired to a sumptuous repast. Presided over by the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Cook. After the banquet, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Jackson I.P.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the W.M.; and dwelt on the zeal and ability he had displayed in the execution of his duties since the formation of the Lodge; he (Bro. Jackson) felt sure that under their W.M.'s guidance all the ceremonies would be most efficiently rendered. To this toast the brethren present responded most heartily. In reply, Bro. Cook thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast, stating that it would be his earnest endeavour to prove himself worthy of the dignified position in which they had placed him, and that he would ever have the interests of the Lodge at heart. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Jackson. In proposing this toast the W.M. expressed the high estimation in which he (Bro. Jackson) was held amongst the brethren of the Lodge, and how greatly indebted they were to him for the splendid manner in which during the past year he had conducted the ceremonies. The I.P.M. Bro. Jackson, replying to the toast, thanked the brethren cordially for the handsome jewel which had that day been presented him, and stated that he should ever regard it as a token of their high esteem and confidence in him during the year of office which had just expired. The toast of the visiting brethren was proposed and responded to by Bros. Harfield and Drury. Bro. Smith proposed the health of the newly-invested Officers of the Lodge, which was duly acknowledged, after which, and the Tyler's toast, the proceedings terminated. In the course of the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs efficiently rendered by Bros. West, Cox, Stevens, and others. Bro. Dr. Busley presided at the piano in his usual manner.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at Bro. J. Wright's, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C. Promptly at 6 p.m. Lodge was opened by Bro. H. R. Hallam, who was assisted by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. R. Durell S.W., Dr. T. Loane 1421 kindly acting as J.W., W. Musto P.M. and Treasurer as I.P.M., W. Hogg P.M. Hon. Secretary, G. Spencer J.D., J. Togwell I.G., E. Friedeberg W.S., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler; Henry Chown, A. Budd, J. Young, C. Eschwege. Visitors—Bros. G. L. Walker 429, J. K. Pitt 469, T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, T. Loane and A. S. Judd 1421, and G. H. Stephens. The summons convening the meeting having been read, the ballot was taken on the proposition to admit Messrs. J. Young and C. Eschwege into Freemasonry. This proving in favour of those gentlemen, the first-named candidate was duly admitted and obligated by the W.M., who then courteously vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Musto, who proceeded to initiate Mr. C. Eschwege into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, also completing the ceremony with the first candidate. Bro. Musto is so well known as a Preceptor that great expectations were entertained of the manner in which he would perform the duties allotted him. These were most pleasantly fulfilled, for never in our recollection was the primal ceremony more impressively rendered, or candidates more intelligently admitted to the Order. The Deaconry was efficiently performed by Bro. E. Friedeberg W.S., the proposer and brother-in-law of Bro. C. Eschwege the candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Musto received the congratulations of the brethren, and expressed his sincere thanks to Bro. Hallam for kindly allowing him the privilege of initiating Bro. Eschwege. Bro. Hallam having resumed the chair, advanced the Lodge, and duly examined Bro. H. Chown, who having proved his efficiency, was entrusted and afterwards raised to the sublime degree, the whole of the work being carefully rendered. Lodge closed, and the room having been adapted for the purpose, the brethren sat down to a well prepared banquet, which was served under the superintendence of Bro. J. Wright Past Grand Pursuivant. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were briefly introduced by the W.M., and heartily received. Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Musto, on taking up the gavel said, Bro. P.M. Hogg and all those brethren who were in the habit of seeing an I.P.M. take possession of the gavel would know for what pleasant duty he had done so. Bro. Musto assured them it was with great pleasure he saw so good a worker as Bro. Hallam in the chair. He would not say Bro. Hallam's rendering of the ritual was exactly like that practised by Bro. Hogg and himself, but it had given him much pleasure to hear his excellent working. With great pleasure he proposed the health of the W. Master. Bro. Judd having sung "Speed on my bark," the W.M. rose to thank the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast so kindly introduced by Bro. Musto. He had formerly no idea of ever occupying the position of W.M., when, six or seven years ago, he joined Freemasonry, and when he sat as it were in isolation. Bro. Hogg, however, advised him to join a Lodge of Instruction. About the same time he received a letter from Bro. Calverley, advising him to work up for office. He laid the letter before his son, and they both attended a Lodge of Instruction. He recollected his son managed to pass into it, but he himself failed, it being in the second degree. Bro. Musto had spoken highly of his working. He hoped he had deserved it; if he had pleased them he was satisfied. Bro. Hallam next gave the "Initiates," which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. P.M. Hogg sang the "Entered Apprentice Song," and Bro. Young, in replying, said he felt highly gratified with the manner in which he had been received. As long as he lived he hoped to merit their confidence. Bro. Eschwege next said,—"If I, in the course of these few remarks should err, forgive me on account of my youth. I thank you, W.M., for asking the brethren to drink my health, and the brethren for their hearty response. For a great number of years one of the greatest desires I have looked forward to has been to be made a Freemason, when time and my circumstances should permit. I hope so long as you know me I shall be found worthy of the trust and confidence—and it must be great confidence—you have shown in admitting me into the Order." The "Visitors" were next toasted, and here we may remark every one of that body present are all closely connected with the various Lodges of Instruction, and form, with the brethren of the Friars Lodge, an imposing array of Masonic workers. Bros. P.M. Barnes and Stephens names having been connected with the toast, Bro. Barnes said, "In visiting them he had never experienced so much pleasure in attending a Lodge as then. To the many present he was no stranger; at least once a-year he was present, and would attend oftener if he could spare the time. He was as a Visitor exceedingly pleased to see an absence of all formality; this was no doubt owing to the number present being small. The work had been well done; they had had good candidates—men who not only understood—but wanted to understand what they were undertaking. He, as a Visitor, thanked them for the way in which they had proposed his health, and would avail himself of every opportunity of partaking of their hospitality, when invited. Bro. G. H. Stephens also thanked the brethren for the warmth of the welcome extended to the Visitors; he was gratified to see to what a high degree of unanimity the Lodge had attained as to its working; if that witnessed that evening was a specimen of what the Friars Lodge could do on emergency, what might they not expect to find when the regular meetings commenced? The Past Masters were next honoured, and Bro. Musto returned thanks. He was sure Bro. Hallam would forgive him for not dilating at length on the qualities of the Past Masters. Before sitting down, however, he would tender his most sincere thanks to the W.M. for allowing him to conduct the initiation of Bro. Eschwege. He must confess that in this matter there had been a conspiracy. It was said that murder would out, and he must own he had been party to a conspiracy to introduce Bro. Eschwege into the Order, and when the time arrived he should ask the W.M. to permit him to confer the third degree upon that brother. The Officers were next toasted, and Bros. P.M.'s Hogg and Musto and the Officers present responded. The Tyler's toast was given, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a pleasant close. Owing to the small number at the table the conversation was enabled to be general, and the newly initiated brethren in a large measure contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by their account of the manners and customs of the Colonies from which they had recently returned. Songs were also ably rendered by Bros. Togwell, Judd, Hogg, and Stephens; these greatly enlivened the proceedings.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—At Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on 4th instant, Bros. J. J. Smith W.M., Burgess S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomons Secretary, L. Jacobs S.D., Bingham I.G.; Bros. Ginger, Strokirk, H. M. Levy, Brunton, Seaton, Kent, J. C. Smith, Hemming Preceptor. The 1st and 4th sections of the 1st lecture were worked by the brethren. The ceremony of the degree was then rehearsed, Bro. Brunton acting as candidate. The working was well rendered. The 2nd section of the 2nd lecture was worked, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed very perfectly. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1607—Loyalty.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1556—Addiscombe, The Surrey Club, West Croydon

MONDAY, 12th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
78—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
618—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 96 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, asonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1811—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R. A. 405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th JULY.

65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
728—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Solcap
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Bailiff's Hotel, Fulham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Hackney, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
480—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1069—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1388—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 862—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M. M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Barslem
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
347—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Leicestshire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
397—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
690—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
696—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Bailey Arms Hotel, Blyth
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1012—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1329—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 16th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Un. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Loudon-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
963—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Leven-holme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction.)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 857—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th JULY.

1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms Eastwood.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Shakesperian Recitals: Scenes from Hamlet, at 7.15 p.m. daily; and at 3.30 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hamlet, Mr. Marshall Clarke; Ophelia, Miss H. Shea; the Queen of Denmark, Miss Eva Russell; Polonius, Mr. Heath; 1st Grave Digger, Mr. Wentherhead. Lectures on the Phenomena of Nature, the Microscope, London, Phosphorescence, &c. &c. Ghost Entertainment, Blondin, the wonderful automaton. Admission, 1s. Reserved Stalls, 3s, may be booked at all the Libraries.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE Summer Festival of this large and important Lodge took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Friday, the 2nd inst., and despite the unfavourable weather, proved a great success. Brethren and ladies to the number of 132 sat down to a most delightful dinner, which was well served by the excellent manager and secretary Bro. Hunt. Bro. Bowman Spink the W.M. presided, supported by Bros. White I.P.M., Geo. Everett Treas., and P.M.'s Ferguson and F. Kent, whilst Bros. W. Harris S.W., and Maclean J.W. occupied the Vice-chairs. The usual loyal toasts having been disposed of, Bro. White gave the W.M., paying him a well deserved tribute for the manner in which he performed the various duties in connection with his important office. The W.M., in response, thanked all present for their kind support, and for the cordial and hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt very proud to see around him such a goodly array of friends, and from his heart thanked his brother officers and the Stewards for having rendered such good service in bringing about this happy result. Bro. Geo. Everett P.M. Treas. next proposed the health of the Visitors; in the course of his remarks stating that, in his opinion, the great charm which attached itself to gatherings of this description arose from the fact that it afforded an opportunity of inviting one's friends to a few hours' social enjoyment, away from the great city, at a season of the year when the country and its surroundings was so delightful. He was beyond measure glad to see so distinguished an array of visitors at their festive board, and, on behalf of the Domatic Lodge, to bid them a hearty welcome. He was especially pleased to see the ladies present in such large numbers, for as the poet said, "What's a table richly spread without a woman at its head," and how lovely too they all looked, why the very flowers on the table seem to pout with envy at their charms. Bro. Collins, of the William Preston Lodge, ably responded for the visitors. The W.M. then gave the Stewards, which was responded to by Bro. Herbage in his usual happy manner. Bro. Fredk. Kent then proposed the Ladies, as only Bro. Kent could do it, and Bro. Ferguson P.M. replied on their behalf in a manner that gave unbounded satisfaction and delight. During the dinner the band played a choice selection of music, and between the toasts there was some charming singing by Miss Clara Redford, Miss Lizzie Turner, Miss Edith Fane, Signor Revilo, and Messrs. Peed and Nettleship, all of whom were loudly applauded. The day's proceedings were brought to a most satisfactory conclusion by a Ball, Bros. Kent and Ferguson acting as M.C's. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Spink, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Everett, Mr. F. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Everett, Mr. W. J. Everett, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Ambrose, Captain and Mrs. Jaques, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Heyall, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Tidd, Mr. H. E. Price, Mr. J. Abrams, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. W. Harris, Mr. J. McLean, Mr. Collins, and Mr. J. Morris, Secretary.

PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

ON Monday 21st ult., the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, assembled at Brightlingsea to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Dean, the ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M. V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram. The Officers for the ensuing year were invested as follow:—Wor. Bros. R. C. Atthill I.P.M., R. D. Poppleton S.W., S. Lord J.W., the Rev. A. Pertwee P.G.C. Chaplain, Wor. W. Clarey P.M. Treasurer, Wor. J. E. Wiseman P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Secretary, J. Bowdell S.D., John Downs J.D., A. Smith I.G., Wilson Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks to the R.W. D.P.G.M. was carried by acclamation. The Brethren subsequently sat down to banquet at the Swan Hotel, an excellent repast being served by the hostess, Mrs. Harmer. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and several brethren kindly contributed to the pleasures of the evening by their vocal renderings. Among those present, in addition to the names given above, were Wor. Bros. J. Terry P.M. 1,580 Secy. R.M.B.I., T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Secretary Essex, E. Hennemeyer W.M. 51, Jos. Hobbs P.M. 749, T. Eustace W.M. 697, T. Rix P.M. and Treasurer 697; Bros. W. S. Harvey 1658, J. F. Ralling 51, G. A. Eustace Secretary 697, H. Everett 697, and the following members of the Lodge:—Wor. Bros. W. S. Ling P.M., W. Bragg P.M., C. Blyth P.M., Jos. Richardson P.M., Crozier P.M., H. York P.M.; Bros. the Rev. J. P. Britton, A. A. Jeffries, F. Eagle, Jas. Lewis, &c.

On Tuesday 22nd ult, the V.W. D.P.G.M. attended at Colchester for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, John J. C. Turner. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M. Bro. E. Hennemeyer, W. Bros. W. Richey P.M., and C. O. G. Becker, M.D., P.M., occupying respectively the Wardens' Chairs, there being present about forty members of the Lodge and visitors. The ceremony of the day was most impressively performed by the V.W. D.P.G.M., and at its close, the W.M. elect invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Wor. Bros. E. Hennemeyer I.P.M., Wor. W. Richey P.M. S.W., Worshipful C. O. G. Becker, M.D., P.M. P.Z. J.W., the Rev. D. Nickerson Chaplain, Wor. John Coppin P.M. Treasurer, Wor. T. J. Ralling P.M. P. Grand Sec. Secretary, W. Sowman S.D., Joseph Sadler J.D., Wor. W. P. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.J.D. D.C., C. Osmond Organist, C. H. Gardiner I.G., R. Haward Ives Steward, S. Munson Tyler. Forty-two brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the Cups Hotel, an elegant repast being served *à la Russe* by the host, Bro. W. Besford. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the proceedings it was announced that the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex would be held at Colchester, on Thursday, 5th August, under the joint auspices of the Angel and United Lodges. In connection with the Charities, it was stated that James Sanders Davies (son of the late Bro. Captain Byron James Davies, Bengal Staff Corps), whose election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was mainly owing to the active interest taken it by the Angel Lodge, was about to leave the Institution with the honourable distinction of bearing off the silver medal for good conduct. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal renderings of Bros. C. Osmond, W. Brightwell, D. Nickerson, and E. Gowers (of Maldon). The brethren present, either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to those already named, included—Bros. Wor. J. S. Brown W.M. 276, George Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.D., R. Martin W.M. 453, John Dean W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.A.D.C., W. Basham W.M. 650 P.P.G.S.B., T. Eustace W.M. 697, T. Rix P.M. and Treasurer 697 P.P.G.S.B., C. Eltham W.M. 1817, C. Reeve 1816, James Cook 192, A. Gosling 697, G. A. Eustace Secretary 697, E. Gowers Organist 1024, A. Everrard Secretary 650, and the following members of No. 51:—Past Masters Wor. Bros. A. Welch P.P.J.G.W., S. Chaplain P.P.S.G.W., Frederick A. Cole P.P.G.R., C. Cobb P.P.G.S. of Works, A. H. H. McGachen, T. J. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary Secretary; Bros. W. W. Daniell, R. Tayler, J. L. Browne, J. Foster, E. Mayes, J. Brooks, F. Wells, J. F. Ralling, G. Allen, A. C. Mumford, J. Hanly, R. Haward Ives, and B. Barber.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., there were two meetings—one at Rochford, and the other at Romford. At the former place the W.M. elect of the true Friendship Lodge, No. 160, Bro. John F. Harrington, was installed by Wor. Bro. A. Lucking P.M. P.Z. P.G.D.C., in his usual able manner. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. H. Harper S.W., W. V. Wilson J.W., Wor. the Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Wor. H. Wood P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, G. Burgess P.P.G.D. Secretary, A. Harrington S.D., W. Kelpin J.D., T. Shelley I.G., Wor. A. Lucking P.M. D.C., J. K. Fostick Steward, A. Martin Tyler. Among the brethren present were Wor. Bros. A. Durrant P.G. Treasurer, J. S. Brown W.M. 276, J. A. Wardell P.M. P.Z. P.G.A.D.C, J. Reeve P.M., J. R. Hemmann P.M. 1000, G. F. Jones W.M. 1000, F. G. Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.P.S.G.W., I. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G. Director of Ceremonies, C. Eltham W.M. 1817; Bros. W. Moore 160, B. Turner 1817, G. J. Glasscock S.W. 1817, J. M. Farr J.W. 1817, C. Floyd 1818. The usual banquet took place after Lodge.

At Romford, Wor. Bro. A. Manning P.M. was installed W.M. of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, the ceremony being conducted by Wor. Bro. B. B. Brayshaw P.M., assisted by Wor. Bro. Rev. T. Cochrane P.M. 214 P.P.G.C., &c. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. R. J. Warren S.W., Henry Sanders J.W., Wor. the Rev. T. Cochrane P.M. Chaplain, Wor. T. West P.M. Treasurer, Wor. G. W. Patmore P.M. Secretary, F. A. White S.D., G. H. Hill J.D., J. W. Lasham D.C., C. Field I.G. After Lodge, the brethren dined together, and spent a most harmonious evening.

The Annual Installation and banquet of St. Peter Lodge, No. 1024, was held on Tuesday, St. Peter's day, in the pretty little Masonic Hall, in the Tower of St. Peter's Church, Maldon, Essex. The Lodge was opened at 4.30, by Bros. H. J. Samson, W.M. P.G.S.D. Frank Freeman S.W., T. E. Bland J.W., D. J. Wright S.D., F. Bird J.D., E. Gowers Organist, T. J. Cramphorn I.G., G. Huxtable Tyler, there being also present:—W. Bros. Dr. Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W., E. Humphreys P.M., T. Aldham P.M. P.P.G.P., F. G. Green Sec. P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Bros. W. H. DeCean, J. Jackson, R. Nightingale, W. H. Donaldson, H. Venn Ellis, John Hutley, J. P. Lewin, W. Bros. Andrew Durrant P.G. Treas., E. Dorling W.M. 1797, W. Basham W.M. 650, T. Eustace W.M. 697, J. S. Brown W.M. 276, F. P. Suttery, H. C. Bowles 276, A. Richardson, S. H. Ellis, R. Smith 697. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Freeman, was installed by the energetic Secretary to the Lodge W. Bro. F. G. Green P.M., and he afterwards invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Bland S.W., D. Wright J.W., Wor. Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, Samson I.P.M. Treas., Green P.M. Sec., Gowers Org., Bird S.D., Cramphorn J.D., John Hutley I.G., Huxtable Tyler. The musical service of the Lodge was effectively rendered. The brethren subsequently dined at the Blue Boar Hotel, when, in addition to those already mentioned, Bros. John Baker, E. E. Bentall, D. Pannell, F. Huttley and E. J. Bridge were present. The usual toasts were honoured, and with the assistance of a well selected programme of vocal and instrumental music, a very cordial evening was spent. Mr. Allen's quadrille band played during the banquet.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Bro. E. Swanborough, who was supported by Bros. C. Wellard S.W., H. Cox J.W., C. Coote jun. Treas., Chamberlin P.M. acting Sec. in the absence of Bro. E. Stanton Jones P.M., Meyer Lutz S.D., J. Maclean J.D., Delevante I.G., A. Henson Steward, and Bros. J. D. Beveridge, A. Woodhouse, J. G. Taylor, G. Humphrey, H. Hitchins, H. Singleton Bray, H. Kent, H. Baker Calcott, A. R. Phillips, H. Ashley, J. Perry, W. Rolls, Buckfield, L. Silberberg, C. Harper jun., A. Morton, G. W. Trout, and Max Klein. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Trout answered the usual questions very satisfactorily, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. In accordance with usual custom, the bye-laws were read. The election for W.M. then took place, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. C. Wellard. Bro. Chas. Coote jun. was re-elected Treas., and J. Gilbert Tyler. The President, Vice-President, and Committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and Bros. H. Ashley, H. J. Hitchins, and Fairchild were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. E. Swanborough, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem he is universally held in by every brother in the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated in order to fulfil their professional engagements. The Visitors were Bros. A. H. Sitwell J.W. 127, H. Raid J.W. Dramatic, T. O. Harding 859, F. Grüggen 1670, Ernest Smith S.W. 1559, and John Wood 1470.

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Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 6th July, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Abell S.W., Snodin J.W., John Soper Sec., Evans S.D., Willey J.D.; P.M.'s T. B. Dodson, John Bingemann, &c.; Bros. Baker, Caton, Watts, Hallam, Dickins, F. K. Parker Royal Sussex, 53, Jackson, Scott, Lister, Elliott. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Elliott candidate. The following sections of the 1st lecture were worked—1st Bro. Abell, 2nd Hallam, 3rd Watts, 4th Abell. Bro. F. K. Parker was elected a member. Bro. Abell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 13th July, at 7 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 29th June, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Smyth S.W., Wardell J.W., Polak S.D., Brasted J.D., Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Hardrodt, Catlin, C. Lorkin, Clark, Christian and others. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. Clark acting as candidate. Bro. Catlin, a candidate for passing was entrusted, and ceremony rehearsed; the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

On Tuesday, 6th July. Bros. Smyth W.M., Polak S.W., Brasted J.W., Forss S.D., Christian J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Dallas, Taylor, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor acting as candidate. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Smyth worked the second and third, and Bro. Christian the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., Tuesday, 7th July, Bros. Watson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Smith J.W., McDonald S.D., Myers J.D., Loane I.G., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Brownsom, Keable, Rawe, Robinson, Gregory, Sadler, White, Windus, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brownsom candidate. Bro. Loane worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. McDonald the second. Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by Bro. Musto, seconded by Bro. Myers, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this Lodge of Instruction to Bro. Watson, for working the ceremony for the first time. Bro. Watson was initiated into Freemasonry by him (Bro. Musto), and he was pleased to find he had accomplished the working in so short a time. Bro. Watson replied; and said he was indebted to this Lodge of Instruction for what he had learned; he had attended these Instruction meetings, and was pleased he had acquired the correct ritual; he thanked the brethren heartily for their kindness, and should still continue attending weekly, and hoped soon to be Master of the whole of the ceremonies. The Lodge then closed in due form and adjourned.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held on 5th July, at Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. Hammond 1278 W.M., Johnson 1804 S.W., Loane 1421 J.W., Barnes P.M. 933 Treas., Stewart 1278 Sec., Musto 1349 S.D., Spill 1685 I.G., Judd 1421, P.M. Hogg 1349 Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Judd acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Musto, assisted by Bro. Loane; the second section was then worked by Bro. Musto, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. Bro. Hammond had rehearsed the ceremony for the first time, was unanimously passed by the brethren.

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THE LORD MAYOR AND THE ALLIANCE LODGE.

A REPORT which appears elsewhere in our columns gives a very interesting account of the Emergency Meeting of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, held on Monday evening at the Guildhall Tavern, for the purpose of receiving in state the Lord Mayor of London, who is Grand Junior Warden of England, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, who were accompanied by certain minor Civic functionaries. Everything that was possible was done to lend lustre to the occasion. There was a large attendance of the officers and members of the Alliance under the genial presidency of their Worthy and Worshipful Master, Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), President of the Board of General Purposes. The visitors included many leading representative Craftsmen, and a guard of honour of the Royal London Militia, under the command of Bro. Major Savory, was drawn up in the vestibule to receive the distinguished guests. His Lordship arrived shortly after the Lodge had been opened, and was formally introduced and saluted, the Lodge being closed very soon afterwards, when the company adjourned to banquet, and enjoyed themselves fully, the only difference between this and an ordinary banquet being that special toasts in honour of the special visitors were introduced. Such a meeting as this is an event to be rejoiced over, and does honour both to the Lodge which initiated it, and the guests who so kindly accepted the invitation to be present. The Corporation of London is one of the oldest Civic bodies, as it is likewise one of the most respected, and, what is still more to the purpose, one of the most deserving of respect, not only in this country but throughout the civilised world. The position of our Lord Mayor is one of the greatest responsibility, power, and influence. He is, and rightly so, considered one of the most important personages in England. His name is always associated with the rites of hospitality, of a hospitality, too, which, in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, is dispensed with a munificence which can be surpassed in no city in the world. He takes the lead in all charitable organisations to meet special emergencies, as when a famine or distress prevails largely at home or in strange countries, or for the purpose of relieving those who have suffered by some terrible calamity. As a magistrate he deals out justice with blind impartiality. As the chief Civic dignitary he loyally upholds the cause of law and order, and as a subject of our Most Gracious Sovereign he as loyally sets an example to all his fellow-citizens and fellow-countrymen of strict obedience to the Constitution under which we live. All these attributes of his Civic Majesty make his connection with the Fraternity of Freemasons still more conspicuously honourable to the latter, for that connection proves beyond the possibility of question that Freemasonry cannot be otherwise than a loyal, law-abiding, hospitable, and charitable society of men. It is well, too, that in London, which is the birthplace of Freemasonry, our Royal Art should find favour with the Civic chiefs. We all remember the gratification which was experienced throughout the Craft when Lord Mayor Stone—who, by the way, was an honoured guest of the Alliance on the occasion we are speaking of—formally visited the Great City Lodge not long after his appointment by the Prince of Wales to the Junior Grand Wardenship of England. Doubtless, likewise, the City remembers with intense satisfaction the honour conferred upon it when His Royal Highness selected its then Chief Magistrate to be the first Junior G. Warden after his installation as G. Master. It is with the utmost pleasure, therefore, that we note the event of Monday, and it is for the reasons we have expressed that we offer to our respected Bro. Sir John Monckton and the officers and members of his Lodge our heartiest congratulations on the successful issue of this emergent meeting at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday. May the time be yet very far distant when our honoured Craft and the Corporation of London, both equally to be cherished for their many virtues and their antiquity, shall find themselves less in harmony together than they are at present!

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge in respect of the Special Communications held on 9th April and 4th May respectively, and the regular Quarterly Communication of the 9th June. The Grand Lodge of 9th April was held for the purpose of constituting the Soley Lodge of East Somerville, and there were present—M.W.G.M. Bro. Charles A. Welch, Bros. S. D. Nickerson as Deputy Grand Master, C. W. Moody Grand Senior Warden, Otis E. Weld Grand Junior Warden, James Mills as Grand Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sange Corresponding Grand Secretary, Rev. E. J. Gerry as Grand Chaplain, and others making up a full complement of Grand Officers, together with the Masters and Wardens of other Lodges. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and the members of Soley Lodge being assembled in their Hall, the former entered, and the new Lodge was duly constituted in accordance with the rites prescribed by the Constitutions. The several Officers were then installed, the principal being as follow, namely, Bros. Horace P. Hemenway W.M., H. F. Woods S.W., J. Viall J.W., J. F. Cole Treasurer, A. Sargent Secretary, and Rev. E. J. Gerry Chaplain. The Grand Master in his address congratulated the members of the new Lodge on its constitution, and in the course of other sound advice recommended them to exercise due caution as to whom they admitted as members of the Lodge—a caution invariably administered by our late respected Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, whenever it fell to his duty to consecrate a new Lodge. Grand Lodge retired at the conclusion of Grand Master Welch's address, and was closed in ample form, after which the members and other guests were entertained at a sumptuous banquet in the hall of Soley Lodge.

The meeting of the 4th May was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Marblehead, Mass., the purpose being the restoration of the Charter of the Philanthropic Lodge, which had been surrendered in 1876, and the installation of its Officers. Grand Master Welch presided, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Chessman as Dep. G. Master, E. Avery as Grand S.W., Henry G. Fay as Grand J.W., John M. Rodocanachi as Grand Treas., Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Sec., B. Pitman as Grand Chaplain, &c. Grand Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the Charter was formally restored in accordance with the prayer of its leading members and the vote of Grand Lodge, and due proclamation of the fact having been made by the Grand Marshal, the Officers were installed, namely, Bros. Michael J. Doak W.M., Jonathan Cole S.W.,

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...ts and privileges of private members were ...pproved, a Brother in one case being re... the other being expelled. A Committee ...ted for the purpose of considering the pro... ...g Lodges which had been in existence for ... permission to wear a centenary jewel, as ... England. The satisfactory progress made ... being taken for paying off the debt con... ... G. L. Temple was made the subject of ...Master congratulating those present on the ...ad thus far attended their efforts; after ... closed.

...Y OF THE MASONIC PRESS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

... most important gift conferred by the Creator on ...ace is reason. Reason should, therefore, have ...ne of our Masonic arch. But, unfortunately, our ... the builders of old we read of, rejected that stone ...nong the rubbish. We have not a symbol on the ...esenting reason, and with the exception of a bare ...n the lecture when treating of *logic*, the word ...ly mentioned either in the ceremonies or lectures. ... *tabooed* from our Masonic philosophy, "*faith*, ... are magnified into theological virtues. But it ...at *faith and hope*, without reason, is the mother ...perstition; and even *charity*, if not guided by ...omes an evil, for it encourages impostors, re... family to beggary, and thus becomes a curse to ...er, instead of a blessing.

...ifies *forbearance*. We all have our faults, and if ...ed to associate only with faultless saints, he ...joyment from association of any kind; while as ... are not always without faults, he will have to ... a wife. But man was not made to live alone; ... needs assistance; he is necessarily dependent ...s matters, in the time of sickness, &c.: hence, as ...erived from our associates predominates over the ...se teaches us to overlook petty annoyances, and ...es we may now and then receive from our unwise ... is called "the charity of forbearance."

...d of charity has its limits, and must, conse... ...d by reason. For instance, we discover that one ... great confidence, turns out to be an habitual ... slanderer. In such case, charity of forbearance ... but it is our duty to the public to expose the ...olishing his true character in the papers. Thus ...ith, hope, and charity," though they are called ..." are really the very reverse of virtues, if they ... to reason.

...e Masonic press, especially in America, was con...erted Masonic notion of *excluding reason* from ...cations of dreamers or charlatans, especially if ...over with theological sectarian cant, found ready ...Masonic press, and were often accompanied by an ...e's pen. But if a remonstrance against the ab...ommunication were sent to the same editor, he ...pon the excuse of "Masonic courtesy," "Masonic ...arks," or some other kind of Masonic something, ...could conjure up for every occasion.

and by removing its parasitic shams ... structure. But let the shams be tak... and there will be no structure at all ... the high degrees are nothing but sha... is, therefore, a proper and legitimate ... If my views are wrong, they may eas... right, why should not the truth be kn...

In a communication to the *Freema...* Library," printed in that paper 22nd ... hints about the high degrees. In th... editor devoted several paragraphs, de... topics into the Masonic press. He sa...

"There is so much doubt on so m... be forbearing in our language and vi... the *Freemason*, we shall permit no rem... or antagonize the conscientious views ...

I have no desire to hurt the consc... viding they are harmless. But when ... teach that *sectarianism* is the chief ait... teachings "High Masonic grades," wh... mere shams—and which even the ... refers to as "*so-called* High Grade... right to express my opinions regard... prejudiced or interested parties. It is ... improvement in legislation, religion, s... conscientious views of somebody. Ha... been influenced by the conscientious... Luther studied the conscientious view... nicus, Galileo, Hervey, and other scie... the conscientious views of somebody, o... have been no higher than it was in the ... tury. Now we know that high degr... denounced by Dr. Dassigny in 1741, ... was D.G.M. (and even afterwards); by ... in 1768, and also by our latest and most... due respect, therefore, to the editor of t... the conclusion that his "virtue of fo... *reason*.

The same lack of reason is also mani... W., in the *Freemason* of 8th May, v... Square Library," (the Head Quarte... W. says:—

"Among the curiosities in the muse... Croix) of Henry IV. of France, the apr... of Frederick the Great, several very cur... and among them an old R.A. jewel with... the vowel points. This must be very... old?] Two articles claim special not... Confucius, on which is seen the square, ... and the other, a jade enamelled squa... [why?], and the squares are 100 not... say nothing of the considerations ar... 'evidences of Masonry,' but would me... of Henry IV. of France is authentic, w... Masonic history."

This reminds me of a brother. Whi... churches, among other curiosities ther... taining the tears which Jesus wept. ... bited that curiosity whether he really b... rev. gentleman, with a shrug of hi... tradition."

Now, with all due respect to the part... faith in the genuineness of the Rose ... France, and the Masonic statuette ... brother had in the identity of Jesus' t... shown to him in the Italian Churches, ... simply furnish an additional illustration ... while they are blessed with ... [illegible]

those cities the "Memphis Rite." The Scoth Riters, who generally edit our Masonic papers, denounced the said judge as a "fraud," an "illegitimate," an "expelled Mason," and in other *elegant* adjectives of that nature. The truth is, one Rite is just as great a fraud as the other, the only difference is, the said judge charged ten dollars for 94 or 96 degrees, and the Scotch Riters charge I believe 120 dollars for 32 degrees. But any how, our Scotch writers never took into consideration the "conscientious view" of the Memphis Riters, and why should they take umbrage because I disregarded their *so-called* conscientious views? My conscientious view is, that it is high time to put an end to all kind of Masonic frauds.

Let us therefore have an untrammelled Masonic press, and by its aid *reason* will be placed on the pinnacle of our Masonic structure. Illumined by that light, errors and tomfooleries imposed by dreamers and charlatans upon our fraternity, during the dark ages of the last and present century, will dissolve and vanish from our midst. And then, the term "High Masons," will not be appropriated by believers in this or that religion, but will be applied to good and true men of all religions, who practise in all sincerity our Masonic principles of "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." *So mote it be.*

BOSTON, U.S. 25th June 1880.

TRUE PRINCIPLES OF MASONRY.

BY THE REV. J. J. CLEMENS, OF TEXAS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY AND FAMILY MAGAZINE.

"For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their Fathers. Shall they not teach thee, and tell thee?"—Job viii. 8 and 10.

MANY learned critics contend that the Patriarch Job lived before the time of Moses. They say that the writings of Israel's leader proved that he must have been acquainted with the writings of the patient man from the land of Uz. But other critics, equally learned, contend that Job lived in the days of King Solomon. It matters little, however, when the patriarch lived. Of one thing we are confident: Job was a *theoretic* Mason. Of course I do not mean to say that there were Masonic Lodges in the land of Uz, fifteen hundred years before the Christian Era, nor do I care to assert, that Job had ever been initiated into the mysteries of our Fraternity, fifteen hundred years after the Creation, but I do assert, confidently, that theoretically Job was as much a member of the Craft as was ever King Solomon or the Holy Saint John. Of course, you will ask for proof; you will say, on what grounds do I make such an assertion? All Masons wish to trace the antiquity of their Order to the very Creation, if possible. The more ancient the better, for the farther back we go, the nearer we come to that GRAND MASTER who first said, "Let there be light." If, then, I take the opinion that Job lived before the time of Moses, which I do, then if Job was a theoretic Mason, *theoretic Masonry* is older than the building of King Solomon's Temple; or older, even, than the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai!

Again, then, I assert that I believe Job was a theoretic Mason, and why? Because Masonry is *a religion*, and Job was a believer in that religion which Masonry teaches, and consequently he was what I call a "*theoretic Mason.*" Just here comes the question, what is religion? Religion is any system of Faith, or Worship, which teaches the existence of a Supreme Being, and man's duty to obey the commands of that Supreme Being; consequently *Mohammedanism* is a religion, because it teaches the existence of the ONE GOD, and man's duty to serve and worship Him. *Paganism* is a religion, whether called *Brahmin, Buddhist,* or *Zoroastrian,* for the same reasons. And, *par excellence,* Judaism is a religion, because the belief in God,

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of the resurrection, his body will rise and become as incorruptible as his soul." Here, then we have the ground, the foundation of Masonic belief and practice, and that foundation is "faith in the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah." Faith, not in his existence only, nor in his existence and power, but faith in *his merits*, which answers to the description of Job's Redeemer, because *merit* implies an inherent power, an efficacy of character, competent to produce a certain result. This individual faith, then, is what gives confidence and composure to the Mason concerning the future, and the assurance that soul and body will ultimately both be incorruptible.

Now, take any of the religions already mentioned, and such doctrines are not to be found in them. Even Judaism barely hints at the resurrection of the body, although it does more plainly teach the immortality of the soul; and we have the authority of one who was an experienced scholar in the Jewish Law, for saying that Judaism was "a schoolmaster to bring men"—to whom? Why to Jesus of Nazareth, who was and is "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." The Jewish law, with its types and ceremonies, was intended to encourage man to look forward to something greater, and higher, and better, than anything itself could teach, or possess—and of this much looked for something "the Lion of the tribe of Judah" was to be the founder, the builder, the beginning and the end. Need I remind you that the higher orders of Masonry declare that JESUS fulfilled all the characteristics of "the Lion of the tribe of Judah?" Need I remind you that the religion which he founded, first "brought life and immortality to light"—two of our most distinctive tenets? Need I inform you that the Christian religion is the *only* religion in the world, now or in the past, that teaches the resurrection of the body, and the future incorruptibility of the flesh? To what, then, do the principles of Masonry tend? It must be to something greater and better than itself. Masonry does not pretend to help us beyond the grave by any power of its own, but at the same time it does teach that the grave is not the end of man; it does teach that death is but the beginning of another life, and the very evergreens she casts upon the coffin are reminders and symbols of her faith! But she does not dare teach that she has any power to help us in that other life; she simply lays us away with her benediction, trusting us to the care and power of "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." To what, then, do her principles tend, to Whom does she strive to lead her children? Why, to CHRIST and the Christian religion, without doubt. In all her Services this is true, for were it otherwise, then some of the most solemn of our formularies are mere empty sounds, and some of our most beautiful symbols are meaningless figures. The very source of Masonic light itself is hoodwinked, for if it does not lead to Christianity, then a large part of the Holy Scriptures must be given up and ignored. Nay, our very degrees are reduced to meaningless ceremonies—because Masonry is but the entrance gate to those higher Orders where Christianity, in all its fulness, is received, and taught, and practised. But let my definition be accepted; let men understand that Masonic principles tend naturally to lead men to the one great Light, "Who lighteth every man that cometh into the world," then itself becomes encircled with a halo that emanates from the GRAND MASTER himself. Whether the Sun be in the South, the West, or the East; whether it be rising, at the meridian, or setting, it will glorify Masonry with its beams, and gild every service with the costly metal of consistency. Our symbols will teach *truth*; our ceremonies will inculcate *truth*; our working degrees will expound *truth*, and from the North-east Corner to the Encampment Ground, Masonry will be consistent with its principles, if those principles tend to Christianity.

"Brethren of the mystic tie," I have taken some pains, and much pleasure, to place before you what I call "the true principles of Masonry." Why? As a Priest of the Holy Catholic Church, I know of no advantage to be gained by so doing, for myself; on the contrary, I feel that perchance I may antagonize some whom I love to call my friends and brethren. But what ought to be the object of every true Mason? Why, to do good to his Fraternity, as a whole; and to every member, individually. That is my object. I believe Masonry is the grandest *human* institution on earth. I believe that if its principles were carried out by its members it would do more good than anything we know of, except that to which it tends—the Christian religion. Nay, I hesitate not to say that if the Christian religion *could* be annihilated, swept away, Masonry would come in to supply its place more than anything else we at present know of. Can you ask of me more than that? Standing, as I do now, a Priest of the Christian religion, what more can you ask of me than to say that Masonry follows close upon my Divine Faith? And yet I am bound to tell you that Masonry cannot save a man's soul. I dare not say that if a man is a good Mason that is all that is necessary. The very Bible upon which we take our vows forbids me to say that! The very tendency of our principles would brand me as a time-server, if not a liar. Masonry is intended to lead us higher; its principles are such as to induce us to live holier and purer lives, and point to a future, which is as far above Masonry as the Heavens are above the Earth. I believe that its *principles* extend back to the Creation, and forward to the Resurrection, but you certainly do not need me to tell you that Masonry is not a substitute for Christianity. I have searched the writings of many of our most learned brethren in this country, and without exception they all emphatically declare the truth of my statement. It is a religious institution, but not designed to usurp the religion of "the Lion of the tribe of Judah," as taught in the Holy Scriptures. This is undeniable. But I think I can see in Masonry grander ideas than the propagation of Morality, or of Universal Benevolence, for I believe that an honest study of her services will prove that her principles tend to Christianity. Masonry was designed to act as a taper to guide men to that great Sun of Righteousness, and when we, as Masons, have found that glorious Light, we can thank GOD for the taper's guidance. We do not discard that taper, as of no future use, but we cherish and respect those triangular lights for leading us to that great glory, and we strive to give others, who may prove themselves worthy, the greater advantages we have made use of. That, brethren, is my conviction. I can honestly say I would desire to see every man a Mason. More than that, I can say would to GOD that every man was *worthy* to be a Mason, and above all, I can say, would that all Masons showed forth their principles by their daily walk and conversation—for I do believe, brethren, that you will be held responsible for the use you make of your Masonic advantages. A day will come when the Grand Master will call you from labour, to give you your hire. Then you will remember my words. Then, brethren, for your soul's sake, don't make Masonry an *ignis fatuus* to decoy you to destruction, but let it be what it really is—what its founders designed it to be, a steady burning beacon, to light men to the Cross of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Then when the Roll is called, it will be, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thy LORD'S glory for thy hire."

Whether the chapter of accidents to which men are daily liable is longer or shorter than it was when steam, gas, and other adjuncts of modern civilisation had not been made subservient to our uses is a fair question for argument. Certain it is that accidents of the most calamitous kind occur every day, and at any time it may be the fate of any one among us to quit home in sound health only to be taken back lifeless, or injured more or less seriously in body or limb. It is well, therefore, that every one should make some provision, if possible, against these unfortunate contingencies, so that the bread-winner who suddenly finds himself unable to work, or his family, who may as suddenly find they have been deprived of his help, may not be altogether without the means of supporting themselves. To provide for cases of this kind an Accident Assurance Company (Limited) was started some thirty years ago, by which for a small outlay annually every one can, so far as money is concerned, protect himself and his family from the consequences of an accident, whether it proves fatal on the spot or ultimately, or whether it only temporarily disables him from work. Thus for the payment of an annual premium of £3, a man secures £1,000 at death, and £6 per week during his disablement. For £2 a year he becomes entitled to a weekly allowance of £6, while for an annual premium of Thirty shillings, the representatives of one who is fatally injured will receive £1,000. And, unfortunately, we have had of late overwhelming evidence of the wisdom of making such a provision. It was only last Christmas that a whole trainfull of passengers were killed by the Tay Bridge disaster. Four lives were lost at the recent fire in Aldersgate Street, and even during the present month two men have been almost blown to pieces by the gas explosion in Tottenham Court Road and its vicinity, several other persons being seriously and it may be fatally injured. These are exceptional accidents, but then every day of the year has its victims—people who are killed or hurt in mines, by machinery, by collision on a railway, the river, or in the street, even by stepping on a piece of orange peel carelessly thrown on the pavement. In too many instances the people who suffer depend on their own labour for their means of support, and if they have made no provision of the kind we are referring to, they suddenly find themselves face to face with the alternative of starvation or the workhouse. But this need never happen, or perhaps we had better say, ought never to happen, when it is remembered how great are the advantages offered by this Accident Insurance Company in return for an annual outlay so small as barely to exceed one shilling a week in the case of the highest, and rather more than sixpence a week in that of the lowest rate of premium. People will argue that the risk of accidental death or injury is very small, but then we are all of us as liable to that risk as, for instance, the six or seven hundred victims of the "Princess Alice" catastrophe, all of whom were probably thinking of anything but death up to five minutes before the collision took place. So it is with everything of the same kind. It is impossible to say when an accident may happen or whom it may effect; and hence a wise man will if possible insure against its consequences to him or his. It is gratifying to know that this Accident Insurance Company, by payments, since 1849, amounting in the aggregate to over £500,000, has been the means of assisting numbers of people accidentally injured, and we trust it will meet with a yearly-increasing measure of patronage from the public. We may mention as an example of its forethought that a branch office has been opened, and will remain open during the whole of the Volunteer encampment at Wimbledon.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Shakesperian Recitals: Scenes from Hamlet, at 7:15 p.m. daily; and at 3:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, Hamlet, Mr. Marlande Clarke; Ophelia, Miss H. Shea; the Queen of Denmark, Miss Eva Russell; Polonius, Mr. Heath; 1st Grave Digger, Mr. Weatherhead. Lectures on the Phenomena of Nature, the Microscope, London, Phosphorescence, &c. &c. Ghost Entertainment, Bonelin, the wonderful automaton. Admission, 1s. Reserved Stalls, 3s, may be booked at all the Libraries.

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Brook's Popular Botany. Comprising all the Plants, British and Foreign, most useful to man in Medicine; Food; the Manufactures: and the Garden. With descriptions, and an account of their various properties and uses, accompanied with recipes, prescriptions, application, and modes of cultivation. With coloured Plates and numerous Wood Engravings. Part I. London: J. A. Brook and Co., 282 Strand.

JUDGING from the contents of this first number, we should say this serial publication will be found very useful and that it will really deserve, from the simplicity of its descriptions, the designation of a popular work. Many works bearing this title are far beyond the comprehension of ordinary readers, and can only be so considered from the fact of their cheapness placing them within the reach of people of small means who necessarily form the bulk of our population. In Messrs. Brook and Co.'s *Botany*, everything is plain sailing. The meaning of the botanical names of the different plants is explained, and the local or general English names which correspond with the botanical terms are furnished. Each plant is described, and the reader is told its uses, the soil in which it will grow, and the mode in which it should be cultivated. Thus of the Peony (*Pæonia Officinalis*) which is the first described in this number, we are told, among other things, that it will flourish in any ordinary garden soil, but grows best in rich deep loam. "It is increased by division of the roots and by seeds, if new sorts are desired. The Tree or Montan varieties," of which there are many beautiful varieties from China and Japan, may be propagated by division and by layers or suckers. Among the superstitions connected with it is mentioned one cited by Josephus, that to pluck it up by the roots would cause danger to any one who touched it. Hence a piece of string was attached to it in the night; to this was made fast a hungry dog who was or might be induced to pull it up by having some savoury morsels of roasted flesh placed tantalizingly a little beyond his reach. According to Pliny and Theophrastus it must be plucked at night time, or otherwise the woodpecker, so ran the common idea, would peck out the eyes of any one it saw touching the plant. At one time the Peony was much prized for its medicinal properties, especially in the cure of epilepsy; indeed, it owes its name to one Pæon, who was the first to employ it for such a purpose, but it is seldom used now. "The fresh roots and seeds possess a faint and unpleasant smell, and have an acrid, astringent and slightly bitter taste." When dried the former wholly disappears, and the latter nearly so. When used medicinally these roots and seeds are dried and powdered, and a dose consists of from thirty to forty grains. Its properties are anti-spasmodic. Necklaces of beads cut from its root were till recently worn by children during teething. They were the "anodyne necklaces" of the chemists.

Under Aconite, Monkshood, or Wolfsbane, a full description of the root is given, both in writing and illustration, especially for the purpose of enabling people to distinguish it from Horseradish for which it has been fatally mistaken. Its uses, as a medicine, are also explained both as taken inwardly and for external application. In the former case it is good for gouty and rheumatic pains, paralysis, &c., &c., while in the latter it has been found a most powerful and rapid agent in neuralgic pains. Internally it is taken as a powder, tincture, or extract, and the following recipe from the "London Pharmacopœia" is given for the tincture. "Take of the root of Aconite coarsely powdered 15 oz., of rectified spirit 2 pints. Macerate for seven days: then press out and strain. The dose is from 2 to 10 drops; one drop, however, will often be sufficient." We are told, further, that Aconite must in all cases be used with extreme caution, as there is no antidote to it.

The root of the Goldthread, it seems, yields a pure bitter tonic without either aroma or astringency, and is given in American practice, in cases of dyspepsia, general debility, and convalescence from fevers, being in fact a good substitute for Quassia, Gentian, and other plants possessing tonic properties. The Columbine, Stavesacre—under which head must be included the different varieties of annual Larkspur—and the Marsh Marigold are also fully described. From the last, which is known in many parts of England as the water buttercup, horse-blob, and meadow-blout, is obtained a tincture, which may be usefully applied to flesh wounds, causing them to heal rapidly. The following recipe is given, though not on the authority of the English Pharmacopœia, which does not contain it:—"Take of the fresh flowers of the Marigold 2 oz., and of rectified spirit 1 pint; macerate for 10 days and strain."

There is obviously an advantage in having the properties and uses of our most useful plants explained in such simple fashion. We congratulate the publishers and compiler on the good beginning they have made, and we trust they will find encouragement to continue and complete their task. The price of each number is only twopence.

The Official Guide from Glasgow to the Highlands, by "The Royal Route," viâ Crinan and Caledonian Canals. With Lists of Sailings and Fares per David MacBrayne's Royal Mail Steamers "Columba" and "Iona."

THE holiday season is fast approaching—indeed, in the case of many schools and families it has begun—and those who have not yet made up their minds what to do and whither to go have little time left them to settle these questions. Numbers, of course, will betake themselves to the Continent. Our inland and sea-side resorts will soon be thronged with visitors, all anxious to lay in a fresh supply of ozone, while the Highlands of Scotland are sure to have their complement of tourists bent on the same object while viewing the scenic beauties of Northern Britain. To the notice of the last category of intending tourists we commend this Official Guide-Book. It contains a well-drawn map, showing the various routes taken by Mr. MacBrayne's steamers, as well as Lists of Fares and Notes "of Through Route Sailings," every facility being given to tourists for making directly from point to point, or breaking their journey as it may suit them. But though the map and the lists are essential to any publication of this kind, the principal feature in this instance is the very full description of all the principal places of interest which are accessible by rail or steamer in connection with this Crinan and Caledonian Canal Route. Whoever did the work of compilation has done it extremely well, and the Guide might with great justice have been described as an historical one, possessing a very considerable degree of interest from the quantity of matter relating to old times and people which has been collected within its eighty odd pages. There are, too, a number of illustrations which serve to give a good idea of the places they represent. Thus, for the low price of sixpence, there is at one's command a guide which will tell people not only what to see and how to set about visiting it, but also what historical or romantic associations are connected with each of the places mentioned. Both Black's and Murray's, we are well aware, are more elaborate, and contain information of a more extensive and varied character, but then they are more costly likewise. Here a good map, with time-tables and guide, can be had for sixpence only, with a photograph of one of Mr. MacBrayne's line of steamers thrown in. It is a most readable compilation, as well as an invaluable guide to the Western Highlands.

Weather Wisdom. London: Groombridge and Sons, 5 Paternoster-row, E.C.

To be weather-wise in this inconstant climate of ours requires not only a keen observation, but also a long and varied experience. There are, of course, certain general laws which may be followed without hesitation even by those ignorant of meteorology, but it is as well to have something more than general laws to guide us in prejudging the weather of the morrow, and—to what cause due we know not—this necessity has become more manifest than it was years ago. One does not need to be a very old man to recal the time when the weather was seasonable, with a fair degree of regularity. There were wet summers and mild winters then as now, but whether it is fancy or that we note these things now more closely; or whether, as many people imagine, there is something revolutionary going on in the planetary system, we have latterly seen less of seasonable weather in season than we did in our younger days. However this may be, the author of this little work on "Weather Wisdom" has done good service by bringing together within the compass of a few pages a very considerable amount of information, most of it being derived from the works of such eminent meteorological authorities as the late Admiral Fitzroy, Mr. Lowe, the late Dr. Herschell, &c. The book is conveniently divided into short sections, each of which gives the results of experience in interpreting the weather from some particular source, such as "The Sun and the Sky," "The Moon, Stars, &c., "The Clouds, Dew, Mist, and Fog;" from observation of "Animals, Birds, Insects, of Plants, &c.; by the use of instruments invented by man, as the Plavioscope, Barometer, Hygrometer, &c It may easily be conceived that much of the information contained in these pages is interesting as well as valuable. The most curious piece is that of Quatremer Disjonval and his spiders, which is worth giving a brief sketch of. This Disjonval, by birth a Frenchman, was Adjutant-General in Holland, and when the Dutch patriots revolted against the Stadtholder he sided with them. He was, however, taken prisoner by the army of the Duke of Brunswick, and sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment, eight of which he passed in a dungeon at Utrecht. The only living objects he saw were spiders, whose habits he watched very narrowly, partly to beguile the monotony of his life, and partly from a taste he had formed for the study of natural history. A violent pain on one side of his head, which he always experienced when a change of weather was impending, first drew his attention to the connection between such changes and the movements of these insects. Thus the spiders, which spun a long web in a wheel-like form, invariably withdrew from his cell whenever he had his bad headache, and both these signs—their disappearance and his headache—were invariably followed by very severe weather. When they began to show themselves again in their webs and displayed their usual activity, the pains in his head began to leave him, until he got well and the fine weather returned. So industriously and with such intelligence did he pursue these studies that at length he was enabled to prognosticate the approach of severe weather from ten to fourteen days before it set in. The knowledge thus acquired stood him in good service and was the means of his recovering his liberty. When in 1794 the Republican armies of France overran Holland, an unexpected thaw occurred in the early part of December and imperilled the safety of the troops unless they were withdrawn at once. The French Generals were seriously entertaining the idea of accepting a sum offered by the Dutch and retiring their forces, when Disjonval, who hoped that the success of the Republicans might lead to his release, managed after great exertions to get a letter conveyed to the French Commander-in-Chief in January 1795, in which he pledged himself that from the movements of his spiders a severe frost would commence in fourteen days and give the French time, by becoming masters of all the rivers, to complete and secure their conquest before a thaw set in again. The French General trusted in the prognostication and held on. The cold weather foretold by Disjonval set in in twelve days and was so intense that the ice over the rivers and canals became capable of bearing the heaviest artillery. On the 28th January the French entered Utrecht in triumph and Disjonval was released. The foregoing story is quoted from the *Fortnightly Review*.

The section headed "Rules and Observations of the Barometer" contains extracts from notes of the late Admiral Fitzroy. One point is particularly worth noting, namely "that the state of the air foretels coming weather, rather than shows the weather that is

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vd how very carefully they examined the title-page here were one, so that they might be as certain as ald of the genuineness of the book or edition. But, t to be complete, the point on which Bro. Norton lays n fixing the date as not earlier than 1757 at least or does not settle that this is the *first* edition, any more mething definite in the way of evidence, it settles n 1757 and 1762 in which it was published. A now ld had any reasonable amount of care bestowed on it, uring the Grand Mastership of Lord Aberdour, would is Lordship's name substituted for that of the noble- and Master when the preceding edition appeared.

ays "the pages of the first leaf are marked (iii) and irst question an expert would ask would be, Where ii? For it is just those two pages that might have to supply the missing link in the evidence.

le-page of the copy in Boston Temple describes the been reprinted for Williamson of Dublin, though ted for W. Nicoll" of London; but the reprint may ei years after the print, or the print and reprint may e another so closely as to be virtually one and the same w, it strikes me Bro. Norton has not helped forward the matter at issue, especially as I believe there were of this work issued by Nicoll; and without pages i ns we have no means of knowing when this particular

It may have appeared still later in the century, and t," the retention of Lord Aberdour's name would not

Yours fraternally,

K. T. L.

A. & A. RITE AND A. & P. RITE.

he Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

D BROTHER,—I have no particular regard for those are outside the sacred pale of Craft Freemasonry. no doubt, are interesting, but none of them are essen- ul in about the same relation to the Craft degrees as line linen of the king to the kingly power. These impressiveness from the fact of their adorning or erson of the monarch, yet are they nothing more than l visible sign, not the inward spiritual force, of that r. Or, to use a more homely simile, they are excres- ive gradually attached themselves to the pure struc- aft, and have been left undisturbed because it is can ever injure the perfection of its symmetry. No A. Rite is fair to look upon, but such virtue as it ates primarily from Craft Masonry, and the same the A. & P. Rite. It is the more amusing, there- re lofty-minded manner in which the former ignores ce of the latter. I know that Golden Square enjoys of most of the leading members of Craft Masonry.

P. Rite is very far less fortunately circumstanced; he seniority of the A. & A. Rite in respect of age eals as possible the degree of difference there is o ladies. But if Craft Masons feel disposed to study ft Mysteries, what harm can follow whether they vourably towards the A. & P. Rite or the A. & A. Rite, evince a desire to become acquainted with them both? better taste, I think, if the "Supreme Council" showed ce towards the "Sovereign Sanctuary." Neither of t of ancient Masonry pure and simple, while both in exist on sufferance, because our Craft rulers are too to interfere with the se subordinate members or men- wn standing who take an interest in fancy, side, or

Your faithful brother,

CRAFTSMAN.

season. But then I do not want simply a good dinner, and I flatt

My opinion—it must go for wh on no one else—is that the e should be made as light as pos is the one opportunity in the Lodges remote from one anothe all brethren were millionaires it price of a banquet ticket were all enjoy not that good fortune, larger number of Masons should but well than that there should by reason of the expense.

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APPROACHING PRO

The Provincial Grand Lodge of next, the 21st instant, at Sudbury, year will be appointed and inve accounts, &c., transacted.

The annual meeting of the Pro will be held this year at the Red L 23rd instant. R.W. Bro. T. F. H County and Prov. G. Master, will highly popular in this shire, there gathering of the brethren. The Accounts, as audited, is most satisfa including Balance from last year, a the Expenditure has been only £9 Grand Treasurer's hands of £61 1 £110 5s 6d invested in Consols, Herts is a happy one. Among th are—(1) by Bro. T. S. Carter Prov to the effect that twenty guineas be Royal Masonic Benevolent Institut Bro. John E. Dawson Prov. G. Sec 1881; (2) that ten guineas be v No. 1580, Hatfield, towards its exper Lodge; (3) that ten guineas be Hatfield; and (4) that the publica Calendar be continued.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of S next, the 24th instant, under the No. 1317, Sutton, at the Public Hall brethren to assemble being one o'clo ness will be of the usual character, and Grand Treasurer, and the appointme Grand Officers for the year. At 2 request of the P.G.M. General Bro attend Divine service in the parish ch will be preached by the Worshipful P however, will not wear their Masonic served at 3·30 p.m.

On Saturday, the 31st instant, will general meeting of the Provincial Gra Francis Burdett, Bart., so genially pre be in charge of Felix Lodge, No. 13 ness transacted will, as a matter of co of P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

The Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, ha tion on Tuesday, when, under the pres the members and their friends went up so Sunbury on board the Maria Wood, day.

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Cottebrune, Richard Hervé Giraud, S. Rawson, John Constable, Raynham W. Stewart, John L. Mather, H. C. Levander, A. H. Tattershall, N. G. Philips, William Clarke, John Henry Leggott, Henry G. Warren, J. A. Farnfield, Charles Lacey, James Brett, Frederick Adlard, John Bulmer, C. G. Dilley, G. Bolton, J. R. Gallant, Ernest Brette, Charles Atkins, J. Newton, Thomas Goode, W. Hilton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, A. A. Richards, Hugh H. Rinch, Henry Godfrey, J. M. Case, W. H. Farnfield, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Cox, Edgar Bowyer, Charles John Perceval, Louis Stean, E. J. Barron, Shadwell H. Clerke, T. Meggy, John Dennis, C. G. Rushworth, Rev. Charles J. Martyn, James Kench, Thomas Cubitt, E. C. Woodward, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the meeting of 22nd June were read and verified. The death of two female annuitants was reported, and the Warden's report for the last month read. The report of the Finance Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, the Chairman being authorised to sign cheques. The petitions of six male and eight female petitioners were received, and their names placed on the list of candidates. Application was made by a widow for half her late husband's annuity, which was granted. The election of a Collector to the Institution was then proceeded with. There were forty-seven candidates, and on the conclusion of the voting, which took a considerable time, Bro. J. Mason was declared to be duly elected. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Are the Courts and Committees of our Institutions so unfortunately circumstanced that among all the Governors, Subscribers, Committeemen, and the like, they can only find one brother who is deemed competent to fill the chair at their meetings? Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton presided on Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday at the Girls' School Court, the Boys' School Court, and the Committee of the Benevolent Institution respectively. Every one recognizes the zeal, energy, ability, and Masonic spirit of that respected brother, but it seems hardly wise to allow of one brother being invariably voted into the chair on these occasions. Is there so marked a superiority on the part of the Grand Treasurer that he should have this greatness thrust upon him, or are the rest of his colleagues so indifferent or so incapable that they cannot be entrusted to preside over a quiet business meeting? We say it from no feeling of disrespect for Colonel Creaton, for, as we have said, all appreciate his kindly zeal and great abilities; but it strikes us as being unwise in the extreme to give one brother, no matter how brilliant may be his qualities and qualifications, the monopoly of setting the tone of our Institutional bodies. We like to see the Grand Treasurer in the chair, but we should also like to see some of his colleagues occasionally occupying the same position.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which prung from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local remedy. The Pills restore the vital powers.

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PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE R.W. BRO. GEN. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Saturday, the 24th day of July 1880, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the Public Hall, Sutton, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,

CHARLES GREENWOOD,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
24th June 1880.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. James Hamer Owens, P.M., Sutton, Surrey; or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church, at 2·15 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

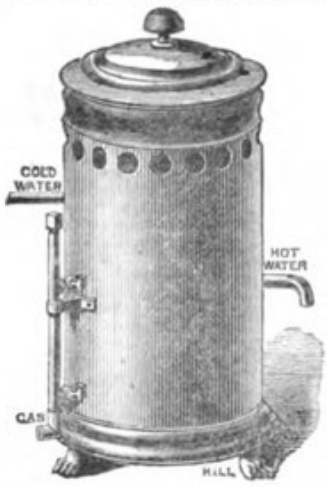
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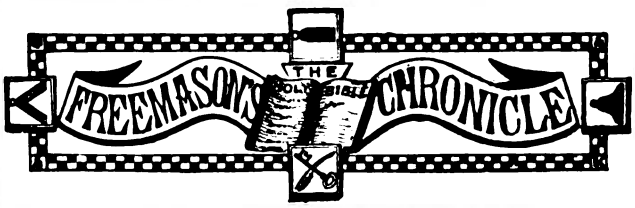
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THE LORD MAYOR AT THE ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

UNUSUAL interest attached to the emergency meeting of the Alliance Lodge, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday evening, owing to the visit in state of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden of England, accompanied by Bros. Charles Wolloton P.M., and E. K. Bayley P.M. P.G.S., the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. There was a very large attendance, both of the brethren of the Lodge and of visiting brethren. A guard of honour, consisting of 100 rank and file of the Royal London Militia, with the regimental colour, was in attendance, under the command of Bro. Major Savory, and officered by Captain Coleman, and Lieuts. Teniswood and Adams. Lodge having been opened by the W.M. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton P.M. P.G.D. (Town Clerk of the City), the arrival of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs was shortly afterwards announced, and a deputation, consisting of the Director of Ceremonies, the two Deacons, and two Master Masons were told off to receive them. On being introduced to the Lodge they were heartily greeted by the W.M., and the Lord Mayor was saluted with the honours due to a Grand Officer. The Officers of the Lodge present were Bros. G. N. Johnson I.P.M., L. F. Littell S.W., Frank Green J.W., R. J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph E. Turner Secretary, D. H. Ashford S.D., H. Wildey Wright J.D., Barrow Emanuel D.C., W. Handel Cannon I.G., W. W. Brown Organist, C. W. Bowley Steward, and Henry Wright Steward. Among the numerous visitors, in addition to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, were the Grand Secretary (Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke), Bros. R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. of Griqualand, J. H. Matthews P.M. P.G.J.D. Bengal, F. Richardson S.G.D., Sir A. W. Woods G.D. of C., Ald. Stone P.G.W., C. W. Arnot P.G.C., P. De Lande Long P.G.D., J. Saunders P.G.D., R. Grey P.G.D., Ald. S. C. Hadley P.A.G.D.C., W. T. Howe P.G.P., W. B. Rogers P.G.S., G. Singer P.G.S., T. Donnithorne P.G.S., W. Monckton P.P.G.S.D. Kent, H. C. Levander P.G. Sec. Mid., H. H. Crawford P.M. Under-Sheriff, J. I. Cantle P.M., Major Savory P.M., E. Robins P.M., E. Dresser Rogers P.M. C.C., H. W. Delaware P.M., J. Chambers Roe W.M., J. Messent P.M., C. W. Thompson W.M., W. Chubb P.M., Howard Williams P.M., J. Massin P.M., A. Evans P.M., G. W. J. Brocklesby P.M., G. Kenning W.M. Aldersgate Lodge No. 1657, W. Shephard W.M., W. Radcliffe W.M. 211, W. W. Bird P.M., Herbert A. Reed P.M., E. Howard W.M., H. Thorn, P.M., W. G. Harrison P.M., A. Paulin P.M., W. A. Maloney P.M., H. Kimber P.M., E. C. Massey P.M., H. D. Wood P.M., A. T. Layton P.M., W. Crook P.M., J. E. Watford P.M., J. S. Knight Smith I.P.M., H. B. Squires P.M., T. Grove S.W., G. Dundas J.W., G. Manners J.W. C.C., W. G. Crump S.D., P. Goodman J.D., H. Johnson I.G., G. J. Winzar, W. H. R. Skey, D. J. P. Campbell, Winfield Green, L. Sarre, H. G. Harper, F. M. Ince, T. J. Glasson, W. R. Marsh, R. D. Sturgis, Reg. Hanson, G. W. Taylor, T. E. Gravatt, K. T. Rushton, F. Low, H. Dodd, J. P. Glenn, J. Alexander, Harry Cooper, W. Wimble, Captain Sewell, T. Grime, P.M. and P.P.G.A.D.C., &c. Among the members of the Alliance Lodge present were:—Bros. N. G. Phillips P.G.D., J. B. Godfrey P.M., E. G. Mann, E. F. Fitch, H. Clarke, R. T. Wragg (under-sheriff), H. Squire, H. H. Cooper, W. H. Pannell, P. Morrison C.C., F. A. Jenson, C. G. H. Teniswood, P. Ashcroft, &c. After Lodge most of the brethren present (numbering altogether about 100) accepted the invitation of the W.M. and the Lodge to a banquet, which was admirably served by Messrs. Ritter and Cliford. The W.M. presided, and, in the absence of the usual civic loving cup, he extended to each and all a hearty verbal welcome. He then proposed the usual Masonic toasts, the Queen and Craft, our Mistress and our Mysteries, the Grand Master of England Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers, coupling with the last-named the health of Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand who responded. The W.M. next proposed a toast, which he said would be absolutely and entirely the toast of the evening, because it was the health, not only of an excellent man, but of an excellent and distinguished Mason. He remarked that he had searched the Masonic records as far as possible, and he could not find that from the days of Walworth, or any other Civic worthies, to the present time, the Lord

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the Worshipful Master had elicited upon this occasion. Alluding to the comments which the W.M. had said might be passed with regard to the propriety of his visiting this Lodge as Lord Mayor of London, he observed that he should think nothing of them. He looked upon it as an honour due to his distinguished position that the brethren of any Lodge in the City should ask him to attend, primarily as Lord Mayor, and secondly as G. Warden of England. But especially did he value the honour the more when he knew it was paid to him by those who, from their connection with the City, were so sufficiently aware of the position he occupied as to make him assured that they would ask him to do nothing derogatory to that position. They might depend upon it that if he was ever attacked for it he should be able to carry the war into the enemy's camp with success. He had great pleasure in coming there that night, because, in the first place, he knew the Town Clerk was to preside, and in the second place, he knew it was a Lodge that was formed principally for members of the Corporation, inside and outside that body, and he knew, therefore, that they were about to give him an essentially grand welcome. They had done so, and he recognised it as not paid to the man, but to the high position which he occupied, because personally he was a mere ordinary brother among them. It was in consequence of his connection with the Corporation of London that he had attained to the position which he now occupied in the Craft. Therefore it was to the Corporation that he owed all. As the Town Clerk knew, he took every opportunity of acknowledging that it was the office he held to which he owed everything, and to that office he always asked proper respect to be paid. He felt that the man who held the office should be impressed with the dignity of the great and grand position which he held, and should remember that he had in his charge and keeping the centuries of respect with which it had been regarded, and should take care to maintain it, and to hand it down to his successor unimpaired. He thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren around him for their hearty reception. Nothing could have been warmer, and nothing more gratifying than the response they had made to the toast of his health. The W.M. then announced that Miss Perkins had desired to be allowed to play a gavotte on the violin before the Lord Mayor, and he felt sure the brethren would be charmed both with the proposal and with the performance. Miss Perkins was then introduced, and played two selections, with a skill which was highly appreciated by the brethren, and evoked enthusiastic applause. The W.M. then asked the attention of the brethren while he proposed the second interpolated toast of the evening, which he ventured to anticipate would be received with no less gratification than the last. The Lord Mayor, himself a great institution, had come to-night by a happy coincidence, attended by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex and the Under-Sheriffs, who had been recently said by a learned authority to constitute the Lord Mayor's paraphernalia. As the word had been the subject of some comment in the newspapers, he had endeavoured to find out its meaning, and he found that it was a word commonly used in marriage settlements and wills to express that which a lady values most—her jewels and her personal adornments. And it seemed to him that the authority in question was not very far wrong when he applied the term to the Sheriffs, because he knew that the Lord Mayor valued his present Sheriffs beyond everything. And they might congratulate themselves on having them (the Sheriffs) as guests. The Senior Sheriff, Bro. Woolloton, prided himself on being the oldest Mason present, having been initiated forty years ago in a foreign clime. He (the Wor. Master) supposed it must be good to be made a Mason there, for their Bro. Woolloton really looked as if he had barely seen forty years altogether. Bro. Bayley, the junior Sheriff, belonged to the excellent and well-known Lodge No. 1, of which several distinguished brethren were present that night, and his merits were well known to all of them. He asked the brethren to drink the health of the Sheriffs with great cordiality. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Sheriff Bayley, being re-

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and J. Holliday having been approved of by ballot were duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master with full musical ceremony, conducted by Bro. G. S. Graham Organist. Bro. Poore rendered effective assistance as Chaplain and Deacon. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, followed when Bros. Lovegrove, Clark, and Potter, were elected to the respective offices. Bros. Ackland and Holliday were elected on the Audit Committee. A discussion on the affairs of the Lodge lasted until nearly nine o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Poore, and that of the Provincial Grand Officers by Bros. Lovegrove, Baldwin, and Ackland. Bros. Poore, Holliday, Gilham and Baldwin entertained the brethren by their vocal efforts. Prior to the above meeting a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held, the W.C.N., Bro. H. Lovegrove installed Bro. J. Clark as W.C.N., for the ensuing year. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. H. Baldwin J., C. P. McKay S., G. J. Dunkley S.D., Kipling J.D., Axford I.G., Curtis D.C., and Potter Tyler.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CHAPTER OF ELIAS ASHMOLE, No. 118, WARRINGTON.

THE regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday evening last. The chair was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., supported by E. Comps. D. W. Finney and P. J. Edelsten, and a goodly number of Companions. The Chapter having been opened, the ordinary members and visitors were admitted and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Banks, a candidate for exaltation, which proved unanimously in that brother's favour, and he being present was exalted in ample form by Comp. Bowes. The symbolic lecture was delivered by Comp. Finney, and the duties of P.S. discharged by Comp. Edelsten. Their being no further business the Chapter was closed.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE Annual Summer Banquet of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond. The members, ever anxious to meet with true Masonic feeling, have so far succeeded that what with the presence of ladies and numerous visitors these gatherings have always proved a success. Various places have been tried, as well as an excursion on the Maria Wood, &c., but the entertainment last year at the hotel just mentioned gave such satisfaction that the Lodge was induced to meet there again this year. The beautiful scenery in the vicinity of the hotel added greatly to the pleasures of the gathering, and in spite of an occasional shower, the banquet passed off most successfully. At 2:30 o'clock precisely the brethren, ladies and visitors, to the number of about 130, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet provided by Bro. Hunt. The W.M. Bro. C. E. Terry presided with his accustomed geniality, and was well supported by Bros. P.M.'s C. Daniel, Goodwin, A. L. Leins, J. G. Brown, Arnold, Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Schadler, Rich and Pierce, S.W., &c. After dinner the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, beginning with that of Her Majesty the Queen. The National Anthem having been sung by Bro. Stafford, the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family followed, and was enthusiastically received. Bro. Miller having sung "God bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. Daniel I.P.M. rose and said it was his proud privilege to propose the health of the W.M., who in the Lodge was so generally and deservedly appreciated and respected. He felt certain the ladies and brethren would give such a reception to the toast as was justified by the sterling worth of Bro. C. E. Terry, not only as W.M., but also as the president of that meeting, on the success of which he must warmly congratulate that brother. Mrs. Plater having sung a very excellent song, which was loudly applauded, the W.M., in reply, said he thanked Bro Daniel for his kind expressions. It being a Ladies' day, he was pleased to see so many of the fair sex gracing their festive board, for in his own mind he was convinced that the excursion would be a comparatively poor affair without their presence. He then, in very eloquent terms, proposed the toast of the Ladies, coupling the names of Bro. Burge to return thanks for the maidens, and Bro. Haynes for the matrons. After a well delivered recitation from Bro. Hawkins, Bros. Burge and Haynes humorously responded for the honour done the fair sex. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to return thanks, which that brother did with his usual eloquence. Tea and coffee were then served, and dancing was entered upon with great spirit, and was sustained for some time. At length the time for separating arrived, and the members of the Lodge and their guests departed for home, having first expressed to the W.M. and his principal coadjutors their sense of the pleasure they had experienced. Among those present were Bros. J. Strokirk, Lake, Brown, Walters, Chivers, Roberts, Miller, Goodman, Howard, Mitchell, &c. Bro. Speight acted as toast master.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, 12th July, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street:—Bros. Schaller W.M., Caton S.W., Roberts J.W., Maidwell Treas., Holland Sec., Chicken S.D., Hammond J.D., Mos Preceptor. Preliminaries were fully observed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Walker candidate. The W.M. also rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, and gave the traditional history, Bro. Walker again acting as candidate. Bro. Caton was elected W.M. for next meeting. It was carried unanimously that the Lodge of Instruction should continue its meetings throughout the summer months, especially as a large attendance may be relied on at each of the Monthly Association nights, and it is fully believed that the brethren will support the Preceptor and Offices.

Amherst Lodge, No. 123.—The little village of Riverhead, on the borders of Sevenoaks, now boasts a Masonic Lodge, which for several years held its meetings at Westerham, but its local interest there having abated, and fresh members being added to it, most of whom were residents of London, or the suburbs of the great Metropolis, it was thought advisable, with the consent of Grand Lodge, to remove to a more convenient locality: it was therefore decided to remove to the Amherst Arms here. The meeting held on Saturday last was well attended, every Officer being at his post, and with the exception of two or three of the brethren, all the members were present, besides several Visitors. After the formal opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous regular Lodge and a Lodge of Emergency, two gentlemen were admitted to the secrets and privileges of the first degree. The great feature of the meeting, however, culminated in an oration "On the Origin of Masonic Ritual and Tradition as manifested by the Geometrical Design and Symbolism of the Great Pyramid," delivered by Bro. Wm. Rowbottom, of the Royal Alfred Lodge No. 1028, Alfreton. There are, we are pleased to say, not a few Masons who are not content or satisfied with their mere connection with the Masonic body, but are studiously seeking to probe to its depths the meaning of the science and its earliest development. Foremost amongst them stands our worthy Bro. Rowbottom, who though but a comparatively young member, has done much to enlighten the brethren as to the early association of the mystic symbols used by the Craft and their interpretations. Although the difficulty in the interpretation of allegory is acknowledged to be great, yet we have many brethren of late who have gone deeply into and devoted time and attention to bring to light much that is useful and instructive to the Craft in general. Bro. Rowbottom has confined his researches chiefly to the Masonic symbols to be found in connection with one of the most wonderful structures of the world—the great Egyptian Pyramid. And the better to elucidate his subject he explains, by means of a small model and a large drawing, with diagrams of this extraordinary edifice, some of the great features which confirm his views of the connecting links between ancient and modern Freemasonry. By this very carefully digested lecture not only did he enlighten the brethren of this Lodge, but by request he has given his oration at the Masonic Temple of Liverpool, the Arboretum Lodge of Derby, and several other Lodges. Thus, by his happy descriptions of the various symbols and their associations he has opened up a wide field for further research. The lecture was listened to with marked attention, and at its close Bro. Duret P.M. moved, and Bro. Banks seconded, a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried unanimously, and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the names of four gentlemen were proposed and seconded as candidates for initiation at the next Lodge meeting. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Waller had arrayed the tables with much taste, and furnished a splendid repast. The W.M. presided at the banquet, and in the course of the after-dinner proceedings gave the usual Masonic toasts with appropriate remarks; the various responses were tersely and aptly rendered by the Officers present. The health of the Visitors, and especially of Bro. Rowbottom, was given most heartily, and responded to by Bros. Rowbottom S.D. No. 1028, J. Weldon W.M. No. 925, J. N. Dodd J.D. 171, and Bro. Morgan. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent, and the proceedings in the banquet room was much enlivened by the admirable singing and recitations of Bros. Baker, Weldon, Jewell, Smalman, Smith, and others.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, 13th July, at Bro. Read's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Bros. Abell W.M., Snodin S.W., Evans J.W., Pelikan S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., Caton I.G., P.M.'s Ringemann, Watts; Bros. Hallam, Stroud, Pratt, Parker, Scott and Kitchingman. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kitchingman, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The ceremony was then rehearsed. The five sections of the lecture were worked—first by Bro. Abell, second Hallam, third Pelikan, fourth Watts, and fifth Abell. Bro. Pratt, Lodge 957, was elected a member. Bro. Snodin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 20th July, at 7 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 13th July. Bros. Brasted W.M., Christian S.W., Clark J.W., Carr S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dallas was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 8th July. Bros. F. Botley W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., G. Coop S.D., A. Jones J.D., J. Wells Sec., E. Golowski I.G., C. Andrews P.M., C. Pearse 173, T. Toynbee 452, E. T. Brown, E. C. Porter, F. Millson, Smith. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bro. T. Toynbee answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Bro. G. Coop, with the assistance of Bro. C. Andrews P.M. worked the fifth section of the first lecture. Bros. C. Pearse, of Lodge 173, and T. Toynbee, of Lodge 452, were elected members. Bros. C. E. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

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THE FERMOR HESKETH LODGE, No. 1350.

THE Annual Meeting of the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday last, and was attended by a very numerous and influential assemblage, there being 30 Installed Masters present. The W.M. Brother T. F. Cooper was supported by the following Officers:—Brothers W. P. Evans I.P.M., J. Higson Johnston P.M. M.C., T. K. Hughes P.M., Dr. Arthur Samuels P.M., T. A. Collinson P.M., R. J. Collinson P.M., C. P. Titherley S.W. and W.M. elect, R. Carruthers J.W., George Gordon Secretary, Charles Leighton S.D., T. G. Grundy J.D., H. B. Browne S.S., Halsall J.S., Hodgson Org., &c. Among the visitors were Bros. Henry Bulley P.G.S.B. of England, R. H. Exton W.M. 1380, Henry A. Tobins W.M. 1502, J. Phillips P.M., W. C. Erwin W.M. 1393, A. Tunnicliff W.M. 293, W. Harrison P.M., W. Smith W.M. 1713, T. F. Callow P.G. Treas., R. Gill P.M., Henry Newman P.G.R., S. P. Bidder P.M., Dr. F. J. Bailey P.M., T. J. Webster W.M. 823, R. Martin P.M., A. Wylie W.M. 1264, Frederick K. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, T. E. Gibson P.M., &c. After the Lodge had been opened in the second degree, Bro. Chas. Titherley, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. J. H. Johnston P.M. and R. Collinson P.M. to Bro. J. E. Williams P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire for installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Williams in a most efficient and impressive manner, the addresses being especially well delivered. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. F. Cooper I.P.M., R. Carruthers S.W., G. Gordon J.W., T. A. Collinson P.M. Treasurer, Charles Leighton Secretary, E. G. Grundy S.D., H. B. Browne J.D., W. Halsall I.G., J. Hodgson Organist, J. T. Stowell and P. Ashcroft Senior Stewards, F. A. Staedeli and H. A. Hill Junior Stewards, and Bro. J. H. Johnston P.M. as M.C. A splendid banquet was subsequently served in the the large Hall, Bro. Charles P. Titherley, the new W.M. occupying the chair, and Bros. Carruthers S.W. and Gordon J.W. the vice chairs. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Hodgson, and were admirably carried out. A duet by Bros Hodgson and Champion, on the pianoforte and violin, was most artistically rendered. The Queen, and also the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Rulers of the Craft were proposed and duly honoured, as was the toast of the Masonic Charities. The health of the W.M. was proposed in highly commendatory terms by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cooper; and Bro. Titherley, in responding, spoke of the important services which brethren of the Order, who acted in a truly Masonic spirit, had it in their power to render, and dwelt upon the happy and beneficent influence of Masonry. He should do all he possibly could to render his year of office a success. In the course of the evening Bro. T. F. Cooper was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of high esteem. The meeting was of a very interesting and cordial character.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Longhurst's, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square, on Monday evening, the 12th instant, and was ably presided over by Bro. McMillan the W.M. of the Clapton Lodge. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at this Lodge on Monday, 26th July, at 8.30, when Bro. Isaac the W.M of the mother Lodge will be the Installing Master. For the information of brethren generally, we announce here that the installation ceremony will be rehearsed on the last Monday in each month in this Lodge of Instruction, throughout the year. This offers a favourable opportunity for W.M.'s of Lodges to rehearse the same. A note to the Hon. Sec., Bro. A. Trewinnard, at the above address, will meet with due attention.

The members of the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, which lately held its meetings at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, have secured most comfortable quarters for their future meetings at The Moorgate, opposite the Metropolitan Moorgate Street Railway Station. The Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. George King P.M.

Our esteemed correspondent Bro. Jacob Norton informs us that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts bought at an auction in New York a copy of Franklin's reprint in 1734 of Anderson's "Constitution" of 1721 or 1723, for the sum of *two hundred and seventy-five dollars*. In the said book are several pages of MS. writing, supposed to be from the pen of Benjamin Franklin. This MS. writing consists of copies of letters, from Edinburgh and Glasgow, to the Masons of Boston in 1736, and some matters copied from the archives in Boston—date not known, but probably in 1753.

The Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Lodges, Nos. 1507 and 1744, have united for their annual Summer Festival, which will be celebrated at Skindle's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge, on Wednesday, 28th July. An influential Committee of each Lodge has been formed, and will be presided over by Bros. Douglass and Scales, the respective W.M.'s. If the weather be propitious, we are sure the brethren will have a pleasant meeting. Arrangements have been made by the Treasurer to both Lodges, Bro. J. Willing jun., with the Great Western Railway Company, who have acted with great liberality. The general details of arrangements has been entrusted to Bro. W.M. Stiles P.M., the energetic Secretary of both Lodges.

NEW ZEALAND.

From Auckland we have the following items:—

Ara Lodge, No. 348 (I.C.)—At the regular monthly meeting on the 3rd May, after the regular Lodge business had been accomplished, the Lodge, through the W.M. Bro. Durance, paid a handsome tribute to the untiring energy and worth of the Secretary Bro. W. L. Mitchell P.M. by presenting to him a handsome clock. This timepiece is unique and elegant in construction. The whole of the works are exposed, the four walls being of plate-glass, and the whole covered with a glass shade. Inside is a silver shield, bearing the following inscription:—"3rd May 1880. To Bro. W. L. Mitchell P.M., as a token of esteem and recognition of service from Ara Lodge 348 (I.C.), Auckland, New Zealand." The shield is surmounted by the Masonic emblems, the square and compass. In making the presentation the W.M. gracefully referred to the able and valued services rendered by Bro. Mitchell to Ara Lodge and to Masonry in general. Bros. White J.W., an old member of the Lodge, Rees P.M. Treasurer, and Page P.M., bore testimony to the zeal, courtesy and energy of Bro. Mitchell, who, in modest terms acknowledged his thanks, not only for the valuable present, but more so for the kind expressions made in acknowledgment of such services as he had rendered. Amongst the Visitors present were Bro. W. P. Moat P.M. Rodney Lodge, the W.M. Waitemata Lodge, and a number of representatives of other Lodges. The proceedings were of a very interesting character.

Rodney Lodge, No. 1711 (E.C.)—The third anniversary was celebrated in the usual manner on Thursday, 7th May. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge from all parts of the county, and the s.s. Rose Casey, with her usual punctuality, arrived at the Warkworth wharf shortly before five o'clock, having on board the Artillery band and a number of visiting brethren from Auckland, who came to assist in the ceremony of installation, and to join in the festivities. Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, the Grand Lodge Officers entered and were greeted with the usual honours. Bro. W. P. Moat D.G.R. then took the chair, and with due ceremony, re-installed Bro. W. W. Munro as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year, who appointed his Officers as follow:—C. Thompson S.W., W. J .Southgate J.W., A. McNaughton Treasurer, E. Richards Secretary, J. Wilkie S.D., G. Dibble J.D., F. Howard M.C., H. N. Hulme I.G., W. Wedding Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining-room of the Warkworth Hotel, which had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Such, and where Mr. Such had laid out a banquet, which, for quantity and quality could not be surpassed, and for which he received well-deserved praise from every one present. After due attention had been paid to the good things provided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts disposed of, dancing was commenced, and kept up to an early hour in the morning.—*New Zealand Herald*, 24th May.

JAMAICA.

COLLEGIUM FABRORUM, No. 1836.

THE ordinary meeting was held at Sussex Hall, on 10th June, presided over by Worshipful Bro. J. M. Ross Master; Bros. E. Finzi S.W., A. Cotter J.W., and other Officers. Being the night of installation, the following Officers were installed:—Worshipful Bro. E. Finzi W.M., A. Cotter S.W., Bro. E. Magnus J.W., Rev. — Baruch Chaplain, B. Stories jun. Treasurer, C. L. Campbell Secretary, J. Gnitierez S.D., F. Allock J.D., J. Kirkland M.C., B. Bolton I.G., and J. Hayes Tyler. Several Past Masters and brethren of sister Lodges were present. The usual annual banquet did not take place, the Lodge being in mourning on account of the death of the District Grand Master.

A meeting of the Officers of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, and Past Masters, Masters and Brethren of the several Lodges took place at Friendly Hall, on 15th June, presided over by Right Worshipful Bro. A. De Cordova, Deputy District Grand Master. Several of the Grand Officers, Masters, and Brethren were present. The object of the meeting was for the purpose of raising funds for a memorial of the late District Grand Master, when it was agreed, "That a Committee of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past Masters, and Masters of Lodges in the Province be appointed to receive subscriptions." Worshipful Bro. R. Langley was appointed Secretary, and Worshipful Bro. Dr. Allan Treasurer. When the amount is raised, it will be decided what the memorial shall be. It is expected that a large sum will be collected.

The election of Master of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, will take place on 6th July. The candidates for the chair are Bro. Lieut. Hastings Present Senior Warden, and Bro. W. J. L. Rutherford Past Senior Warden.

The Installation of Principals and Officers of the Phœnix Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Port Royal, takes place on 13th July.

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...ree Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
...rough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
...der, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
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...erton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
...dford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
...rit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
...erton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
...rland, Portland Hall, Portland.
...l Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
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...olium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
...e, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
...-Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
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...-St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
...mund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
...nce of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 20th JULY.

...eneral Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
...titutional, Retford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
...erity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
...t Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
..., 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
...ttie, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
...rough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
...e Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
...ark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
...sic, Sisters' Tavern, Powis-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
...sworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
..., Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
...Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
...Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
...Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
...y, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
...ditan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
...naught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
...gh Mydd'eton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
...e, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
...apton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

...Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
...orance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
...nts, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
...ove and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
...d, Town Hall, Hertford.
...ia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
...ck of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon
...e, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
..., Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
...s, Grapes Inn, Croston
...ow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
...r, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
...ough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
..., Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
..., Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
...'s Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
...asonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
..., Town Hall, Dunstable.
...Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
..., George Hotel, Prestwich.
..., Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
...rthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
..., Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
...Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
...ot., Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
...h Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
...triangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 21st JULY.

...ree Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
...dence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
...r, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
...rough, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
...ace, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
..., Bulbam Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
...Navy, Silver Tavern, Pentlet-road, E. (Instruction)
...ood, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
...on, Red Lion, Popnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
...ettes, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
...Park, Alwyne Castle, Hackbury, at 8 (Instruction)
...Cunningham, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
...Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-terr...

...R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemason
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, C
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic I
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemason

THURSI

House Committee, Girls' School,
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, I
15—Kent, Cheapers, Marsh-str
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate,
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, A
754—High Cross, Couch and Hor
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, D
1227—Upton, King and Queen, N
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick Willia
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly F

203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hal
214—Hope and Unity, White Har
215—Commerce, Commercial Ho
306—United Brethren, Royal Oak
318—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, I
360—Lanestone Rock, Masonic H
756—Forester's, White Hart Hotel
862—Bank Terrace, Harcreaves A
894—Downshire, Masonic Hall, L
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, P
945—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall,
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Co
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street
1470—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liv
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, De
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Ho
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Mathe
R.A. 202—Liverpool, Masonic Hall,
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 31 Denmark-
R. A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale A
K.T.—Plains of Manure, Bull Hotel,

FRIDAY

House Committee Boys' School, Wes
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, F
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern,
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Maso
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tav
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter,
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden T
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitec
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, I
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W.,
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russ
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Cla
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Ge
R. A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hot

Prov. Grand Lodge Hertfordshire, Re
401—Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty I
499—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hot
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, H
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Ec
1062—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, East
1233—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Gra
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, C
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, M

SATURDAY

1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury
Stud Chapter of Instruction, Union, A
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Ha

Prov. Grand Lodge Surrey, Public Hall,
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meitham,
615—St. Johnstone, St. Paul, Pier Hotel,
1403—Evesham-Wilson, Pier Hotel, Gra
1541—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Ch

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

JOHN OF GAUNT LODGE, LEICESTER, No. 523.

THE Annual Festival and Installation of this prosperous Lodge took place on Thursday, the 24th June (St. John's Day), at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, the attendance was marked by a numerous and distinguished gathering of visitors and members. The W.M. (Bro. G. Odell Prov. G.S.B.) being supported by the following P.M.'s of the Lodge:—Bros. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., G. Toller jun. P.G.S.B. of England D.P.G.M., W. B. Smith P.P.S.G.W., Thos. Sheppard P.P.G.R., S. S. Partridge P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Sec., F. J. Baines Treasurer and P.P.G.S.D., J. T. Thorp P.G.J.W., W. T. Rowlett P.P.G.O., T. A. Wykes P.P.G.Treas., R. Taylor I.P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of W. Amongst numerous visitors were Bros. C. Fendelow P.M. 526 P.G.S.W. Staffordshire, Rev. C. H. Wood P.G. Chap. J.W. 1560, Rev. S. W. Wigg P.G.C. Norths and Hunts 1764, Clement E. Streeton P.M. 279, Thomas Coltman P.G.S. and Secretary 279, S. Clearer I.P.M. 279, H. Brown J.W. 1764, I. O. Manton J.W. 1085, W. T. Hewens W.M. 737 P.G.S.B. North and Hunts, J. H. Hale 737 P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, D. G. Scampton Madison No. 5 Wis. U.S.A., S. E. Johnson P.P.G.J.D. P.M. 779. J. Toplis J.W. 47, A. J. Barber 47, James Shackleton 307, Alf. Chamberlin W.M. 1391, Dr. J. Buck P.M. 279, J. W. Smith P.M. 279, Robert Dudgeon 279, Stephen Wand 279, H. J. Marshall 279, Charles Stevens 279, C. Knowles 279, W. T. Bastick 279, S. Knight 1391, W. Head, A. G. Fletcher 1391. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. Joseph Young) was performed in a most able manner by Bro. G. Toller D.P.G.M.; after the usual salutes the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. Taylor S.W., R. J. Clarke J.W., F. J. Baines P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Willoughby Secretary, E. W. Potter S.D., C. Pretty J.D., B. A. Smith D.C., J. H. McCall Organist, Geo. Newsome Assist. Sec., H. Pickard Brown I.G., W. Bream and W. H. Sollett Stewards, T. Dunn and J. Tanser Tylers. After which it was proposed and carried unanimously that the sum of six guineas be voted out of the Lodge funds, for a P.M.'s jewel to be presented to the I.P.M. Bro. George Odell, at the next meeting, in recognition of his services during the past year. Further transaction of routine business took place, and the Lodge was closed in due form; whereupon over 60 of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., who was supported by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., W. Bro. Toller D.P.G.M., and several distinguished visitors; also, with one exception, every Past Master of the Lodge since its foundation in 1846. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and received, and as these were not of the usual nature of post-prandial speeches, the brethren were as gratified as they were surprised. At the first toast (which at the suggestion of several P.M.'s we give in extenso), the W.M. rose and said:—Brethren, there are certain toasts which we, as members of the mystic tie, ever feel it our pleasure as well as our duty to observe, foremost among which is that of the "Queen and the Craft." In every assembly of Englishmen, wherever congregated throughout the civilised world, we always find the name of Her Majesty received with loyalty and enthusiasm, but by none more than by us Masons. Whatever may be the result of the critical research that is now going on relative to the antiquity and origin of Freemasonry, there is but one opinion on the extraordinary progress and unusual stimulus which the Craft has undergone during the present reign. Whether this be due to the perfect freedom of thought and action we as Masons now enjoy, or whether, as is equally probable, it is in a large measure due to the wise and beneficent rule of the sovereign who occupies the throne of this kingdom, to the great satisfaction of her subjects, is a matter I leave to more able tongues than mine to determine; but I have often thought that to fully appreciate the value of our present privileges, it is advisable for us now and then to compare the reign of our present Queen with those of her royal, and in some instances illustrious, predecessors. Take for instance Mary Tudor; she commenced to reign amid the acclamations of her people and with every indication of a happy and prosperous career. But how soon were these expectations blighted? You all know that in little more than a twelvemonth after her accession she married the Archduke of Spain, of whom it is recorded he was never seen to smile—except perhaps upon the coin of the period, where we behold him grimly smiling upon his Royal Consort, or, as is recorded by Butler in his Hudibras—

> Still amorous, fond, and billing,
> Like Philip and Mary upon a shilling

It can well be imagined that this prince bore no greater regard for the Craft than he did for the rest of his royal partner's subjects. Time will not avail me, nor would you be interested to hear, the melancholy details of the 277 victims of religious intolerance who were sacrificed in this reign; but who nevertheless lit such a candle in England as by God's grace will never again be put out; until at last the Queen, worn out by the neglect of her husband and the effects of her unhappy temper, died,—it is said of grief at the loss of Calais, which, as the chief jewel of the Crown, had been held by the English since Edward III., for a period of 210 years, and was the last yard of French soil this nation ever possessed. And how was the tidings of her death received by her subjects? Instead of mourning and lamentation, there were the sounds of joy and gladness, the citizens of London running into the streets of the City, frantically throwing their caps into the air, and shouting, God be praised, the Queen is dead. Let us thank the G.A.C.T.U. that our lot was not cast in that reign. From that same day her sister Elizabeth commenced one of the most brilliant, and certainly the longest reign that it has ever fallen to the lot of historians to record of any Queen of England. I shall not bore you with an account of the glorious achievements of her naval commanders, or of the unfortunate failures of her military generals; of her virtues, which were many; or of her faults, and they were not a few; respecting which latter it is difficult to decide whether her vanity or her mendacity was the more reprehensible. However, she looked for, and obtained, the unbounded affection of her faithful subjects. Passing over an interval of four score years and six, we find a descendant of the Stuarts seated upon the throne of this kingdom—I mean Mary II.—who, with her husband and cousin Prince William of Orange, jointly reigned as William and Mary. Whether the King was a Freemason or not, I am not prepared to say, but if he were, I dare vouch, without fear of contradiction, that he never found the Craft to be a cloak for either Jacobite plot or political intrigue, which were so rife in this reign. The second Queen Mary having died without issue, we find, eight years afterwards, her sister Anne crowned Sovereign of this realm, to the great satisfaction of the major portion of the nation. In this reign, as you are well aware, took place the legislative union of England and Scotland; and as that union has been productive of good ever since, of greater solidity and good fellowship between the two nations, I trust I may venture to express the hope that even in this present reign we may live to see the day when English and Scottish Freemasonry will be united under the one Grand Master of British Freemasons throughout the civilized world. Finally, brethren, we come to the fifth and last Queen which this nation has seen since the Conquest—viz., Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, who, forty-three years ago last Sunday, ascended the throne of this United Kingdom in the vigour of youth. The daughter of a Mason, and since then the mother of three Masons; a Patroness of our Order, a Queen of exemplary piety, and a Sovereign of matchless virtue, I know not where to find her equal. But it is said by the poet—I think Dryden or Pope—that—

> "Good actions crown themselves with lasting bays;
> Who well deserves, needs not another's praise."

If this be so, I need not add one word more in her favour, but at once ask you to join with me in drinking, with the utmost loyalty, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." The remaining toasts were interspersed with high class songs, by Bros. T. B. Laxton, Richard Tayler P.M., J. H. Hale P.M., and Dr. Johnston; also instrumental selections from "H.M.S. Pinafore," &c., expressly arranged for this occasion by Bro. J. A. Wykes P.M., for oboe (Bro. Rowlett P.M.), bassoon (Bro. Wykes P.M.), and piano-forte (Bro. H. B. Ellis P.G. Orgt.) The proceedings were harmoniously brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, at eleven o'clock, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804, HAVANT.

THE Lodge assembled on Tuesday, the 6th inst., to commemorate the Annual Festival, and instal the W. Master for the ensuing year. After the usual preliminaries, the first business was to ballot for two candidates, who were both elected. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. T. P. Hall I.P.M. presented Bro. William Dart to the W. Master, as the Brother duly elected to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. The business in the F.C. degree having ended, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and all brethren below the degree of I.M. retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed by Bro. C. H. Liddell W.M., the Installing Officers being as follow:—T. Francis S.W., J. Lintall J.W., and the following W.M.'s and P.M.'s viz., J. Weeks, J. Harrison, E. Good, T. P. Hall, J. Parnell 804, R. Barnes W.M. 342, G. Grant W.M. 1705, R. W. Mitchell W.M. and V. Brown P.M. 1428. The ceremony of installation over, the Board was closed, and the M.M.'s re-admitted. The W.M. was then proclaimed, and saluted, and the Lodge closed. The F.C.'s were next admitted; after the usual greeting, &c. the Lodge having been closed, the E.A.P. were admitted. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. A. Elverston S.W., J. J. Field J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., T. Francis P.M. Sec., J. N. Hillman P.M. D. of C., H. Kimber S.D., T. D. Askew J.D., J. Collings I.G., Smith Parsons, and A. J. Dunn Stewards, J. J. Bascombe Organist, and Blackmore Tyler. The three addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, after which a vote of thanks was carried and tendered to Bro. C. H. Liddell for the very satisfactory manner in which he had carried out the duties of installing his successor, to which he briefly responded. The W.M. then presented Bro. Liddell with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge in commemoration of his year of office. All business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where about forty sat down to banquet, and spent the remainder of the evening in harmony and social mirth.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

THE Installation Meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Present—Bros. John G. Horsey W.M., S. Davison S.W., E. A. Head J.W., W. Hale P.M. Treas., Chas. Sawyer I.P.M. Sec., W. Rudge S.D., J. G. Calway J.D., E. Dickman I.G., W. H. Hook P.M., G. Mitchell, W. H. Brown, G. W. Holmes, J. E. Woodbridge, Henry Horsey, Thos. Carder, A. M. Betchley, C. Firbank, Jas. Cooper, Mark Ovenden, C. F. Young, W. Harwood, W. Pile, and G. Berry. Visitors—Bros. V. P. Freeman Prov. Grand Sec. P.M. 732, C. J. Smith P.G. Steward P.M. 1466, R. Allison W.M. 186, W. Game P.M. 511, W. Hilton P.M. 1315, F. Rossiter W.M. 40, E. R. Clarke W.M. 1184, W. F. Noll W.M. 1636, T. W. Adams P.M. 1623, John Moon W.M. 1141, Jas. Curtis W.M. 1797, A. Holman S.W. 311, C. Graham S.D. 1540, Robert Pierpoint 177, Miles J. Walker 52, 88, and 1560, Leon A. Mesronze W.M. 1238, and H. Cuff 1216. Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. The minutes of previous meetings were then read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was unanimously adopted, the Secretary briefly referring to the successful year that had just closed under the presidency of Bro. John G. Horsey, who had initiated eight brethren into Freemasonry. Several communications were

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read from brethren unable to attend, among them one addressed to Bro. John G. Horsey from Assistant Grand Secretary Bro. Bues, who had arranged to be present on this occasion, but who was unhappily prevented through the death of Bro. John Hervey Past Grand Secretary. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Sawyer I.P.M. presented Bro. Samuel Davison for the benefit of installation. The installing master, Bro. John G. Horsey W.M., then proceeded to place Bro. Davison in the chair of K.S. with all the usual forms, and according to ancient custom, and after the Board of Installed Masters was closed and the brethren re-admitted, the new W.M. was proclaimed, saluted, and greeted in each degree, the Installing Master describing fully the three sets of working tools. The following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. A. Head S.W., W. Rudge J.W., W. Hale P.M. Treas., Charles Sawyer P.M. Secretary, J. G. Calway S.D., E. Dickman J.D., C. Firbank I.G., C. W. Noehmer P.M. as D.C., J. Woodbridge W.S. Bro. John E. Horsey proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that the J.W. Bro. Head be again the representative of the Sackville Lodge for the Province on the Charities' Committee. The Tyler (Bro. Sargeant) was re-elected and invested. The Installing Master then, in a most impressive, masterly, and solemn manner, delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, with such effect as to claim the earnest attention of every brother present, and at their close the unanimous opinion was expressed that the ceremony throughout had been beautifully and carefully rendered, and reflected great credit on Bro. John G. Horsey. The W.M. then called that brother to the pedestal, and with a few well chosen remarks expressive of the pleasure he felt at the task, and of the high esteem in which he, their then I.P.M. was held by the brethren, presented him, on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, on which was engraved an inscription, stating that it was presented to him for the services rendered by him to the Lodge as its W.M. The Lodge being closed, the brethren re-assembled at the banquet, where all the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts met with their customary hearty reception. The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., alluded in high and flattering terms to the many virtues of that brother; to the indefatigible exertions he had, from the date of his initiation in the Lodge to that day, when he became its Master, ever extended for the benefit of all around him, and he (the I.P.M.) prophesied a very successful year for the Sackville Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master, Bro. John G. Horsey, alluded, as did several of the visitors, to the magnificent and impressive manner in which that brother had performed the ceremony on that occasion. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bro. R. Pierpoint, the highly esteemed Superintendent of the S.C.R. Company's Station at London Bridge, again kindly placed a saloon carriage at the disposal of those brethren who left London in the morning.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, 13th July. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Smith S.W., Forss J.W., Myers S.D., Watson J.D., Johnson I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. P.M. Barnes, P.M. Myers, Rawe, Sadler, Friedeburg, Watkins, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Worsley answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Barnes worked the first four sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Forss 554 and C. Eschwege 1349 were unanimously elected members. We were pleased to see our esteemed friend Bro. Barnes at this Lodge of Instruction. If we may say so, we look upon Bro. Barnes as Inspector-General of working at the East End of London, and it is gratifying to know that the fame of this Lodge of Instruction has reached him. We trust he may pay many more visits, and that he may always be able to make favourable report of what is done by the members. Application was made for tickets for the summer outing, with the ladies, but the accommodation being limited, the Committee were compelled to close the list; consequently no further tickets can be obtained.

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occasions, therefore, are of the utmost importance, and should be turned to account by those officially responsible for the conduct of each Province. Encouragement should be given, so that even the humblest member of the least wealthy Lodge may find it in his power to be present. While everything should, as a matter of course, be decorous, while it is quite allowable there should be preparation of some kind which may possibly involve a little expense, yet it is desirable, under all circumstances, that inducements should be offered by which each Provincial Grand Lodge should have the maximum of attendance at the minimum of cost. The wisdom of the advice we are offering will be immediately apparent when we point out, in the first place, that while those on the spot, that is, where the Provincial Grand Lodge is appointed to be held, incur, necessarily, no expense whatever in attending, those who come from a distance must, under the most favourable circumstances, be at some outlay in respect of travelling. Then aspirants for Provincial Grand honours have certain fees of their own to pay, presuming, at least, that they are fortunate enough to have their aspirations satisfied. Again, it is a recognised fact that brethren of the "mystic tie" cannot possibly assemble without fraternizing in the homely yet joyous way common among people of all classes. It is all very well for the lookers on to say this fraternization is quite unnecessary, but for all that the merry greeting is a fact which has to be taken account of, for the simple reason that it involves expense, greater or less, as the case may be, and he who attended a Provincial gathering without making provision for this particular and necessary contingency—if we may be pardoned for so phrasing it—deserves not a moment's consideration on the part of his fellows. He is better elsewhere—not, be it remarked, because we think these light fraternal greetings are essential to the welfare of Freemasonry, but simply because they help brethren to know each other, which, next door to knowing oneself, is the best kind of knowledge that any one can acquire. There, are then, as we have pointed out in the case of brethren journeying from a distance certain travelling expenses to be incurred in the first instance, while certain expenses incidental to all gatherings, whether Masonic or otherwise, must not be lost sight of, for the sufficient reason that they are inevitable in the case of all who do not wish to be thought churlish or eccentric. There are fees of honour in the case of those appointed to P.G. Office, and to crown all this, there is the banquet, which, having due regard to the propriety of reasonable refreshment, all will allow is a part and parcel of the day's proceedings. It follows that under the circumstances we have detailed, this last expense should be made as light as possible, especially when it is borne in mind that at well-known places in the Metropolis, as was recently pointed out by one of our correspondents, a very excellent dinner may be had at a very modest outlay. Now, it is within the course of our experience, and we have dined often and variedly in many localities—that the price

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MILITARY LODGES.—II.

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

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Lodge in the 17th Regiment of Foot.

In a list of Lodges, published at Dublin, A.D. 1804, by Bro. C Downes—Printer to the Grand Lodge of Ireland—appears, under the heading of *Pennsylvania* :—

"No. 18. British 17th Regiment of Foot."

It is probable, that Downes copied from the *Ancient* (or *Athol*) official list of the same year—a list now missing, but which according to the Proceedings of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, was published for Robert Leslie, Grand Secretary in 1804, by T. Burton, printer to the Society.* However this may be, "Ahiman Rezon," or the "Book of Constitutions" of the "Ancients," *copied* or *re-copied* from Bro. Downes, in 1807 and 1813: in both of these last-named publications, No. 18 on the *General List* being allotted to the 17th Regiment [*vide* Freemason's Chronicle 10th July]. According to the Historical Record of this distinguished regiment, it landed at Boston on the 1st January 1776, and in 1777 formed a part of the British Force which occupied Philadelphia. "On the 18th June 1778," says Steadman, in his History of the American War, "Philadelphia was evacuated by the English Army, accompanied by the great body of the loyalists of Pennsylvania." If, therefore, the 17th Regiment was ever warranted by the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, it must have taken place during 1777-78. The *earliest* proceedings of this Grand Lodge are not recorded, the Minutes extant commencing 29 July 1779; but under date of 20 Dec., in the same year, the names of Bros. McCall S.W., P. B. Fleury J.W., and Mark McCall P.M., of No. 18, are recorded as having been present. The proceedings also register:—"That the warrants of the different Lodges whose Officers were present were produced in due form, and found to be regular and genuine, excepting Nos. 14 and 18, which were forgot." On the 21st December "the warrants of Nos. 15, 16 and 18 were produced and confirmed on motion."

On the 17 December 1781, at a Grand Quarterly Communication, it is recorded *inter alia* that, "a letter was received from Lodge No. 18, sent by the hands of Bro. Chas. Nixon, last Past Master of that Lodge, informing that the stoppage of the river trade, by cruizers, had put it out of their power to send up their dues to this Communication."†

On 20 December 1784, No. 18 was duly represented at the Quarterly Communication of the Prov. G. Lodge. Two years later, viz., on 12 June 1786, the Minutes record:—"A letter was read from the Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 18, held at Shelburne‡ relative to the G. Lodge having issued out a warrant of the same number which they worked under, by which they thought themselves excluded from being under their jurisdiction; also requesting to be furnished with the sum they stood indebted to the G. Lodge for their dues, and soliciting the G. Lodge to address a letter in their behalf *to General Parsons on the subject of a Lodge Warrant and civilities which they had experienced from him.*

Ordered that the Secretary reply to the same, and advise the said Lodge that the G.L. not having heard from them for some time, did grant a warrant of the same number as theirs, but that they do not consider their warrant vacated, and that they still shall consider them as under their jurisdiction, &c., &c., and their requisition with respect to General Parsons to be granted."

Four years later, viz., on 1st March 1790:—"The Right Worshipful *Grand Master* [the Prov. G.L. having then developed into a *Grand* Lodge] read a paragraph of a letter concerning the Lodge No. 18 at Dover [Delaware].

In Brennan's edition of Rebold [Boston 1875], at p 430 it is stated: "A Diploma, bearing date the first of May 1784, issued by an "Assembly of the Knights of the Red Cross, held under the sanction of Warrant No. 18, Lodge Unity, in H.M. 17th Regiment of Foot, and on the Registry of Pennsylvania," to "our trusty and well-beloved Brother, Sir John North, &c., &c., and signed by George Cockburn K., Henry Cassaday 1st, and Daniel Webb 2nd G., and William Davidson Secretary," proves that among the Military at least, this degree of Military Masonry (?) was known in Halifax at an earlier date."

The 17th Regiment was at New York in 1779, and when quartered at "*Stoney Point*" a fortified post on the river Hudson, and commanded by Lieut.-Col. H. Johnson, being suddenly beset by nearly four thousand Americans under General Wayne, after a gallant resistance, the survivors surrendered themselves prisoners of war. On being exchanged, the men fit for duty were formed into a small battalion, and being united with a number of detachments of Provincial Troops, they were placed under the order of Colonel Watson of the Foot Guards. At York Town, in 1781, they again became prisoners of War, but were again exchanged in 1782, and stationed in Virginia. In 1783, the Regiment was quartered at New York [but though an "Ancient" (or "Atholl") Lodge, No. 18 never consorted with the other "Ancient" Lodges of the garrison, which mainly made up the Prov. G. Lodge of New York]. Upon the conclusion of peace the 17th Regiment was removed to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, 1784-5, and arrived in England in 1786.

It is abundantly clear that the Lodge Unity in the 17th Regiment, No. 18 *Pennsylvania*, was in work in 1784 and 1786. I wish, however, to ask a few questions of our brethren in Pennsylvania and Nova Scotia, and to make some observations on the foregoing evidence. These I will endeavour to combine.

It seems very odd that the Lodge *re*-warranted locally as No. 18 Pennsylvania, should have adhered to the Lodge name, "Unity."?

As previously stated, Lodge "Unity" in the 17th Regiment, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 168, in 1771. I am strongly of opinion that on joining the [Prov.] G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, the then Lodge "Unity," No. 168 *Scotch*, becoming *eighteenth* in seniority on the *Provincial* roll, dropped its *Scotch* number, and whilst retaining its old name, and preserving, it may be, an unbroken continuity of existence as a Masonic body from 1771, was afterwards known by its place or position on the roll of the G. L. of Pennsylvania?

The date of the Regiment's encounter with the American General Parsons, when the Lodge paraphernalia was captured, perhaps some reader can supply? I am aware that the 17th Foot under command of Lieut.-Col. Charles Mawwood fell in with the van of the American Army, under Washington, on the 4th January 1777, and was very roughly handled. But the vicissitudes of this gallant corps during the revolutionary war were so numerous, that it is difficult to identify the Masonic incident to which so many American writers have alluded.

A transcript of the Communication addressed by the G.L. of Pennsylvania to General Parsons would be very interesting?

No. 18 *bis* on the Local Roll, must have been warranted, I presume, *circa* 1778. If *original* Nos. 17 and 19 are in work, or their records available for inspection, the date of charter of original No. 18 (17th Regiment) might be approximately determined.

The following Lodges have been warranted in the 17th Regiment:—

Irish.	No. 136	Constituted 1748. [No other dates]				
Scotch	„ 97	"Hooker St. John," constituted 1759; cancelled 1809.				
„	„ 168	"Unity," constituted 1771; cancelled 1816				
Penna.	„ 18	„	„	1777-78	„	——
English	„ 237	„	„	1787	„	1792
„	„ 18 [doubtful]		„			
Irish	„ 921		„	1802	„	1824
„	„ 258		„	1824	„	1847

[No. 921 (*Irish*) exchanged for No. 258 in 1824.]

Of Lodge "Unity" [No. 18 or 168 ?] Bro. C. W. Moore, in an address delivered in 1836, remarks:—

"After having routed a detachment of the British Army, the constitution and regalia of a Lodge fell into the hands of the American General, Parsons. Actuated by the genuine principles of Masonry, he immediately returned them to the British commander, with a note in the following words:—

"When the ambition of monarchs, or the jarring interests of States, call forth their subjects to war, we, as Masons, are disarmed of that resentment which stimulates to indiscriminate desolation; and however our political sentiments may impel us in the public dispute, we are still Brethren; and, our professional duties apart, ought to promote the happiness of each other. Accept, therefore, at the hands of a Brother, the constitution of the Lodge "Unity," No. 18, held in the British 17th Regiment, which your late misfortunes have put it in my power to return to you."

Perhaps some brother in the "States" may be able to say, from what source Bro. Moore derived his knowledge of by-gone Masonry in the 17th Foot?

The "Early History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania" (for a copy of which I have to thank Bro. W. J. Hughan), besides much interesting matter relating to Military Lodges, records one memorable event, viz., the death of Laurence Dermott, as to which the records of the Grand Lodge he did so much to create are quite silent. I have vainly searched for the date of this great Mason's decease, both amongst the records of Grand Lodge and in the *Gentleman's* and other Magazines; also in the newspaper obituary notices for 1789-91. In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Part II., at p 119, there appears, under date of 4th June 1792:—"The R.W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that our R.W. Brother Laurence Dermott, late Deputy Grand Master of England, had departed this life." If a History of English Freemasonry is ever written, no prominent character of the last century will, I venture to think, be found, who is more entitled to the respect and remembrance of the universal Craft, than this able and single-minded Brother. A model of unselfishness, he rose to eminence by merit, and throughout a long rule, as the *virtual* Grand Master of the "Ancients," nothing ever caused the brethren he loved so well and ruled so wisely, to waver in their fealty towards the wine merchant of Tower-hill—to whose ability and exertions, they owed the ad-

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* "A correct list of the Lodges of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, etc. Printed by T. Burton, for R. Leslie, Grand Secretary, and sold by Richard Barry, No. 106, Minories, price 1s 6d."—*Proceedings of G. Lodge, 4th March* 1804. A diligent search in the archives of existing Lodges of Atholl descent, would surely result in a copy of this most valuable list being discovered?

† Query, was the Lodge alluded to, the *first* or the *second* edition of No. 18?

‡ Nos. 3 and 10 [the "Paris" and "Shelburne" Lodges respectively], on the roll of the P.G.L. of Nova Scotia, were both held at *Shelburne*, according to Downe's List 1804, and Ahiman Rezon 1807. Can either of these have been Lodge "Unity" [18 Pennsylvania] under a new name? The 17th Regiment evidently *left behind*, as it certainly did not *carry away*, its *American* constitution, having been warranted afresh by the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) in 1787. Yet the extract above, shows the Lodge preserved a vigorous vitality in 1786, and it is highly probable that its discontinuance in the famous 17th Regiment, was due to the bulk of the Lodge (N.C.O.) remaining in Nova Scotia as military settlers or as volunteers to other corps. The 4th Battalion R.A., on return to England from a protracted service in North America, similarly *left behind* its Regimental Lodge No. 213 [afterwards No. 9], *now* the Albion Lodge, Quebec, constituted at New York in 1781, and which some years since received a centenary warrant, *slightly in advance*, from the G. Lodge of England.

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mirable organisation which set its mark for all time on the history of the Craft, by virtually dictating the terms of Union in 1813.*

Before parting with the general subject, and having asked in my previous article for the names of American Grand Lodge histories, I desire to state that I have seen those relating to New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Kentucky, and Virginia. Referring also to a former note, suggesting a search on the register of the Prov. G.L. of *Lower* Canada for a record of *local* Military Charters—in Downes' list 1804 I find the following entry :—*English* 274 [Prov. G.L, *Upper* Canada] No. 3 [*local*] "1st American Regiment York." What corps is thus designated? And were other Military warrants issued by this P.G.L. either *before* or *after* 1804? May I commend these queries to the attention of Canadian brethren?

It seems to me not improbable, that one or other of the Lodges at St. John's, Newfoundland, must have derived its existence from an "offshoot" of No. 213, *now* Albion Lodge, Quebec [See footnote *ante*]. In an enclosure in Vol. VIII., Letter H., fol. 48, G.L. Register "Ancients," appears a roll of Members with the following singular heading :—"List of Members of Lodge 213 *Junior*, held in Major Willm. Archer Huddlestone's Company Fourth Battalion, Royal Regiment of Artillery, under a dispensation. St. John's, Newfoundland, 27th Dec. 1785." Major Huddlestone, who by the way was J.W. of the Lodge, was no doubt detached with his Company at Newfoundland, and according to the practice of that era, a *dispensation* to hold a Lodge must have been granted by *actual* No. 213. This custom prevailed until far into the present century, and in India was by no means uncommon until a comparatively recent date. Indeed, it is on record that Lodge 26 *Irish*, in the "Cameronians," whilst on service in Bengal, excused itself from granting a dispensation of this character, on the ground that it had already issued one to certain brethren to work under the *English* Constitution, and entertained grave doubts as to the legality of the act!

Reverting to the subject of Army Masonry in Newfoundland, No. 249 "Ancients" was held "in the Town or *Garrison* of St. John's," the date of Constitution being 31 March 1788. I cannot but think that the archives of the P.G.L. of Newfoundland would yield much valuable information in regard to Masonry in the *services?*

* The "unconditional surrender" of the "Moderns" has been very lightly passed over by our *English* Masonic historians. The fact appears to be that the *principles* of the "Ancients" and the *authority* of the "Moderns" were carried forward at the Union. The schismatic body became wholly merged in the older and more fashionable organization, whilst the latter disposed of a formidable rival, by adopting *all* the *novelties* and *innovations* which, for more than half a century it had vehemently denounced? The "Chair" and "Royal Arch" degrees were unrecognized by the "premier" Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns"), the former before 1810, the latter until 1813, *and were unknown to anybody* (as *they* did not exist) for at least 20 years after what is called "The Revival" of 1717.

Gleanings from Old Chronicles, &c.

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STOW, in speaking of the Sword-bearer of the City of London says, his place "is honourable; inasmuch as the sword is needful to be borne before Head Officers of Burroughs or other Corporate Towns, to represent the State and Princely office of the King's most excellent Majesty, the chief Governor. To the right bearing of which sword, in the Chamber of London, this observation is to be made according to an ancient writer of Armoury: 'That the bearer must carry it upright, the Hilt being holden under his bulk, and the Blade directly up the midst of his Breast, and so forth between the Sword-bearer's brows. This in distinction from bearing the sword in any town for a Duke, or an Earl, or a Baron. If for a Duke, the blade thereof must lean from the head between the neck and the Right Shoulder nearer to the Head than the Shoulder. And for an Earl the Bearer must carry the same between the point of the shoulder and the elbow. And so there is another different bearing of the sword for a Baron.'"

It may not be generally known that in the year 1683 a foot post, commonly called the Penny Post, was started by a private individual. It was found to be of such service to the public and, as a consequence, was considered so detrimental to the interests of James, Duke of York, afterwards James II., to whom his brother Charles II. had assigned the revenues of the General or King's Post Office that it was very speedily established as a branch of the latter. By this post all letters and parcels, not exceeding a pound in weight, and also any sum of money not above £10 or parcel of £10 value, were carried to all parts of the City and suburbs, and only a penny more (on delivery) was demanded for conveying letters or parcels to most towns within ten miles of London, and to some towns at a further distance.

The following curious recipe is from a work entitled "The Customs of London," otherwise called "Arnold's Chronicle," the first edition of which was published about 1502, and the second about 1520. It prescribes how "to make Percely [parsley] to growe in an our space," and reads thus :—"Take a quantity of erthe, and put therto lyes [lees] of swete wyne that is dried and medell [mix] the erthe and that togedir and than sowe thy percely and medell the seed and ye erthe togedir and wete [wet] it wt aqua nite [vitæ], and tha set your turfe or your erthe ayen [against] the fyre, and set it shorin ayen the fyre, and wythin an our ye shall hane the perceley abill to cutte wt a knyf, and wt the prouf ye shall knowe the trouthe herof."

There was a certain rough humour—though it is probable the offender did not think so—as well as propriety in the mode of punishing cheating and similar offences in the good old days, while the public manner in which the punishment was inflicted cannot have been without its deterrent effect. Stow, in his enumeration of the modes of punishment for various offences, mentions several which show that our forefathers had a rude yet ready way of meting out justice. Thus he tells us very circumstantially how, in 1559, a certain carman "underwent the Punishment of Riding for a cheat." This carman had evidently very cloudy ideas as to the proper distinction to be drawn between *meum* and *tuum*. Having to carry "a Load of Billets to be delivered to some certain person," it seems he "sold some by the way, and converted the money to his own use. And when he came to deliver his Billets and to sell them he told them so deceitfully that he might save this number of Billets." However, honesty would have been the better policy. "He was discovered, and his Billets were told over again. And so what was wanting of the Tale came to be found out, whereupon he was carried to the Counter and there kept till Friday next Market Day. And then he was fetched out and set on Horseback with his Face to the Horse's tail with two Billets before him and two behind him, and so carried about London." The more serious offence of sending bad meat to market was of course more severely visited, especially, as in the instance recorded, the man had once already been punished for the same crime. In the year 1560, "one rid about London," says old Stow, "with his face toward the horse tail for bringing in and selling meazle Bacon at Market. The same man the next day was set on the Pillory, and two great pieces of his meazle bacon over his head, and a Writing set up, showing his crimes; and that about two years before, he was punished for the same offence." In another case—that of "one *Challenger*, a Baker of the *Bridge House*, for some Deceit in his Bread," no punishment was inflicted, though it was made public how thoroughly he deserved it. "Being accused about his Bread, he was sent for to Guildhall, before the Maior and Aldermen. And his Crime being evident, his judgment was, that he should go afore two of the officers of one of the Hospitals to the Bridge House; and afore him, by way of Disgrace, should be carried the Pillory by one belonging to the Hospital; which was done accordingly."

Strype, in his edition of Stow, published in 1720, mentions four Fire Insurance Offices as then existent, namely, that "kept against the Royal Exchange in Cornhill and at the Rainbow Coffee House by the Inner Temple Gate in Fleet Street"—the Phœnix, because houses insured in it had a plate affixed to them, "being the resemblance of a *Phenix* in the Flame;" the Hand-in-Hand; the Sun; and the Union. The three last are still flourishing.

The Parish Register of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, contains the record of the marriage, on the 22nd August 1620, of Oliver Cromwell with Elizabeth Bourchier, the future Lord High Protector being at the time in the twenty-first year of his age.

Our forefathers looked upon whales, porpoises, grampus, and sea-wolves as fish, and the choicer portions of them were served at dinner in the lenten season and on fish days generally.

Nor was the service on these "Fysshe" Days by any means to be despised, if we may judge from the following bill of fare taken from an old work on the manners and customs of old times in England: "At the first cours—oystars in grave, and baken herringe, and pyke, and stok-fisch, and merlynges fried. At the seconde cours, eles in grave, and purpays"—porpoise—"and galentyne," according to Halliwell, a dish made of sopped bread and spices, "and therwith congar, and Salmon fiesshe and dorre rosted, and guarnard sothen," —that is, boiled—"and baken eles and tart. At the thridde course, rose to potage, and crem of almondes; and therwith sturgeon, and whelkes, and gret eles, and lamprons rosted, and tenches in gele; and therwith daryolus" (dariols), "and leche-fryes made of frit and friture." Those, however, who take an interest in such matters and would like to judge for themselves of the elaborate character of a royal or public banquet, even on a fish day, should turn to the pages of "Fabian's Chronicle," in which they will find a full description of the order in which the guests were arranged, the names of the great officers of state who were present, and an enumeration of all the various dishes that were served at the Coronation banquet in Westminster Hall, on 23rd February 1420, of Katherine of France, Queen of our Henry V. Yet this was held in Lent.

Truth is often stranger than fiction. If any one were told that within the last half century the Lords of the Admiralty had issued their warrant for the arrest of a whale, he would—if he were a vulgar man—most probably throw out a hint that the statement was very "like a whale." Yet, in the quarterly accounts of receipt and expenditure by the Receiver of the Droits of the Admiralty, during the earlier years of the reign of Her Majesty's immediate predecessor on the throne, there occurs the following curious item of expense: "1832, May 31. Disbursements incurred in executing a process to arrest a whale, by Admiralty Warrant, dated the 15th instant, £58 9s 11d." The whale, however, appears to have been ill-mannered enough to set the Admiralty process-servers at defiance. At least, there is no receipt per contra to balance the above expenditure, as doubtless there would have been in respect of oil, blubber, and whalebone, had the whale been captured.

By the way, whales as well as sturgeons were, if they are not still, Royal Fish, and both were declared to be the property of the Sovereign as far back as 1324. The learned Blackstone, on the authority of old writers, lays it down as regards the former, that if one is taken on our coasts, the king had allotted to him as his share the head, while the Queen received the tail, the reason assigned for this division being that it was to furnish the Queen's wardrobe with whalebone.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Sudbury, under the Presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, who was supported by the Very Worshipful the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain of England D.Prov.G.M., and the following brethren:—W. H. Lucia P.G.S.B. England Prov. G.Sec., N. Garrett Prov. G.S.W., A. C. Casley Prov. G.J.W., T. J. Wentworth Prov. G.S.D., R. W. Flick Prov. G.J.D., Rev. J. W. Collins Prov. G. Chap., F. Grimwood Prov. G. Reg., W. B. Jeffries Prov. G.S.Wks., W. Clarke Prov. G.D.C., A. Cracknell Prov. G.S.B., J. M. Harvey Prov. G. Pursuivant; W. Hart P.M. 332 P.P.G.J.D., H. Garrett P.P.S.W. 936, J. Miller 388, W. J. Girling Eboracum 1611, A. W. Cook 225, F. Whigstock W.M. 81, E. Dorling P.P.G. Secretary W.M. 1799, T. Hooper 376, W. Eaves 225, W. Wilmshurst P.P.G.S.B. P.M. 81, R. Barker W.M. 388, H. Harcourt 74, J. Taylor W.M. 936, H. E. Roe J.W. 555, J. Margoram P.M. 555, S. R. Anness W.M. 376, A. Cowlan J.W. 376, F. W. Tewson P.M. 929, Charles Kent I.G. 959, C. D. Girling S.W. 81, E. Smith J.W. 81, G. Hall 81, W. Ray 1823, B. Gall P.M. 81, A. Boggis, W. Mackney W.M. 332, S. Cooper S.W. 332, A. Lord 225, W. Lothers 225, E. M. Beveridge W.M. 516, R. J. Gedney 1663, P. R. Crawler 225, G. E. Jeaffreson, P.M. 555, R. Garrod P.M. 555, J. Martin 1224, D. Glazin 1823, A. J. Collins 1823, H. Welham P.M. 1224, J. Jordan 1224, C. E. Mauldon 1224, W. T. Westgate P.M. P.P.G.D.C. 225, A. A. Bennett P.M. 959, C. A. Vincent I.G. 1823, L. Klambrowski J.W. 1224, W. Dodds 1631, F. W. Gee J.D 1224, G. Thompson P.M. 1008, G. Twain 1224, J. E. Barnes 1823, C. Cooke W.M. 1823, A. Barber P.M. and Sec. 225, C. F. Browne P.G. Steward 81, J. King J.D. 332, T. Cook 332, W. Buckingham 225, J. Wright 1552, C. Emmerson P.M. 1254, H. Goulden 1224, J. Sheppard S.W. 1008, E. Buckham J.D. 376, J. G. Oliver S.W. 1008, J. H. Chambers P.S.W. 1224, E. H. Inman P.J.W. 1312, G. Murrells J.D. 1224, T. Stokoe Sec. 1823, G. J. Paine J.D. 1008, H. S. Oliver 1224, C. J. Rowe 1224, W. L. Lewis 1224, F. E. Dunn 1224, T. E. Morris 697, R. E. Jones W.M. 1224, S. Spurgin J.W. 1224, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.P.G.J.W. Herts, G. Gould 114, G. H. Grimwood 1224, W. Boby P.P.G.J.W. P.M. 114, Garrod Bennett 14, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. W. B. Johnson W.M. 305, D. W. Bellamy S.W. 305, H. C. Canham S.W. 1224, W. G. Cunnold W.M. 225, A. Webb J.W. 1592, F. A. Mann W.M. 1452, E. R. Boulter S.D. 1224, F. Wheeler P.M. and Sec. 1224 P.P.G.R., W. L. Fenner 1823, G. F. Crane W.M. 1631, G. Fish 1823, S. G. Casley W.M. 555, W. P. T. Phillips P.M. 81, C. Oakes P.M. 1008, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., A. Tyler Gregory P.P.G. Chaplain 81, T. B. Ardley I.G. 1224, D. Alston 1224, C. C. Turnour 1224, A. Laughton W.M. 1592, C. J. Wilson 1224, W. Nunn I.P.M. 1592, W. H. Smith D.C. 1224, W. Daking P.M. 225, T. F. Lucia I.P.M. 1008, T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec. Essex, T. Rix P.P.G.S.B. Essex, J. H. Johnson 697, H. M. Sholl 1224, J. B. King I.G. 27, G. Spalding 225, &c. There was a very large attendance of the brethren from the Lodges of the Province, and altogether the day's proceedings were of an eminently satisfactory character. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened soon after two o'clock, in due form. The first business of the day was the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, held at Halesworth, on the 7th July 1879. These minutes had been printed and extensively circulated amongst the brethren of the Province, and consequently it was suggested by the Prov. Grand Master that they be taken as read. This was agreed to, and the minutes were unanimously confirmed. The several representatives of the Lodges then made their reports on the condition of Freemasonry in the Province. These reports were satisfactory, and the Prov. Grand Master may be congratulated on the zeal displayed by the Officers and brethren of the Province in the cause of charity. In this they are ably led by the highly esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Rector of Long Melford, and Rural Dean. The minutes of the Board of General Purposes had likewise been put into print and extensively circulated, consequently the time of the Grand Lodge was not taken up by their being read. As, however, they contain a succinct account of the progress of Freemasonry during the year in this compact and well-ordered Province, we feel it our duty to mark the most salient features that are mentioned. The first point that was considered at the meeting held on 28th June was the audit of the Prov. Grand Treasurer's account, but in the unavoidable absence of that Officer, through ill health, it was impossible to deal with it finally. The Prov. Grand Secretary gave all the really needful information, and this, we are glad to say, was of a most satisfactory kind. Thus the balance of last year amounted to £57 16s 8d, and the receipts for the year then about to close were £134 12s 6d, making a total of £192 9s 2d. The expenditure was £102 15s 10d, so that there was left in the P.G. Treasurer's hands a sum of nearly £90, or more than half as much again as remained at the year's end in 1879. On inquiry, the P. G. Secretary explained that the above £102 15s 10d was laid out in printing, advertising, postages, &c., and other minor items, the P.G. Secretary's honorarium being twenty guineas. Forty guineas—namely, ten each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and twenty to the Benevolent—were bestowed in aid of our Central Institutions, while the expenses of the meeting at Halesworth, which was a very numerous one, were £13 15s. The last item gave rise to some discussion, owing to the Secretary having stated that it was paid for wines, &c., which had been supplied over and above the price fixed for the dinner tickets. Some brethren objected to such a payment being made out of P.G. Lodge funds, whilst others argued that as the P.G. Master contributed £10 towards the wine that was consumed, it would be ungenerous on the P.G. Lodge to hesitate about meeting whatever expense was incurred beyond his Lordship's contribution. Some thought that a very slight increase in the price of the dinner tickets would meet the necessities of the case, while others again suggested that the brethren who attended the meeting and consumed the wine should pay for it out of their own pockets. Indeed the discussion may be said to have been of an amusing character. The Secretary explained that the price of a dinner-ticket covered what, in our opinion, is the very liberal allowance of a pint of Champagne and a pint of sherry, and he added that he made a point of providing Moet's Champagne, as he found people drank "more by the brand than anything else," and were dissatisfied with "wine at 3s or 3s 6d." He also mentioned incidentally, that before the present practice was adopted, "wine was put on the table *ad libitum*; some drank three bottles and others half-a-pint," Bro. Westgate supplemented this information with the remark that, "if you went round you would, in some places, find two full bottles under the chairs." From which it is evident that our worthy brethren of Suffolk are sensible people. They hold that the cost of an entertainment is not above the notice of a Craftsman, and likewise that while you are about it, it is just as well to have to have a good class of wine placed on the table. We admire both their taste and common sense, and we trust they will always take the same reasonable views. The next matter considered was the support accorded by the Province to our Central Institutions, and the Secretary stated that, at the present time, the voting power of P.G. Lodge of Suffolk was represented by 16 votes to the Girls' School, 14 to the Boys' School, and 36 to the Benevolent Fund. He further mentioned that the total paid to the Institutions amounted to £326, of which no less than £249 had been paid during his Prov. G. Secretaryship. A proposition was then made, seconded, and carried that a sum of Ten Guineas be paid to each of our Central Institutions, and a further Ten Guineas to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund; and it was likewise determined to convert, in accordance with the tenour of a letter the Secretary had received from Bro. Terry, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the terminable votes they held to that Institution into permanent ones. In the case of the widow of a deceased brother it was agreed to grant her £10, and Bro. Newson Garrett very handsomely offered, if the P.G. Lodge would permit him to do so, to add Five Guineas to that sum. Some other cases of distress were also submitted, but it turned out that there were obstacles in the way of dealing with them, and therefore they fell through. As regards the important question of the day on which the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge should be held, it was pointed out that Tuesday and Wednesday were both of them inconvenient days, as Ipswich market was held on the former, and Bury market on the latter, and it will be found later on in this notice that Lord Waveney, with his usual kind regard for the wishes of the brethren, has fixed the second Friday in July as the day for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge. The last matter of any importance was as to the payment by Lodges of the fees due by brethren in arrear, but it was pointed out that this was a question which properly belonged to the Lodges themselves, and was one with which they alone were competent to deal. We may as well mention here before proceding further that the returns of the different Lodges are satisfactory, and show a slight increase on the previous year, the baby Lodge of the Province—the Royal Clarence of Clare, No. 1823—having by the initiation of ten new members, raised its strength to thirty, a highly satisfactory result, when we bear in mind that it has only just completed the first year of its existence. The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master directed the attention of the members of the Province to the two or three items we have noted. He expressed himself as highly pleased at the resolution the Prov. Board had adopted with regard to the conversion of their terminable into permanent votes for the Benevolent Institution, while with regard to the day of meeting in future years, he proposed that their annual gatherings should take place on the second Friday in July. On his putting the minutes for confirmation they were unanimously adopted. The appointment and investiture of Officers then took place, as follows:—R. D. Jones W.M. Sudbury 1224 P.G.S.W., T. F. Lucia P.M. Royal St. Edmunds P.G.J.W., W. J. Nunn P.G.S.D., George Jeffreson P.G.J.D., Rev. J. J. Burton P.G. Chaplain, A. A. Bennett P.G. Registrar, W. G. Cunnold P.G. Supt. of Works, F. W. Tewson P.G. Assist. D.C., C. F. Brown P.G. Sword Bearer, G. F. Crane P.G. Pursuivant, F. M. Mann P.G. Org.; H. Welham P.M. Sudbury, B. Gall, and C. Cooke W.M. Clare P.G. Stewards. The vote for Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-election of the Worshipful Brother T. J. Huddleston, while Bro. William H. Lucia was re-appointed Provincial Grand Secretary. The choice of the brethren for a Grand Tyler was declared favourable to the re-appointment of Bro. Syer, of Lodge Adair 936. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, in order that the brethren might attend divine service at the church of St. Peter, Sudbury. The brethren left the Town Hall in procession, wearing their Masonic clothing and jewels, and opening out at the church doors to permit the Provincial Grand Officers to pass through the ranks. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn officiated, and impressively intoned the service; the lessons being read by the Rev. J. W. Collins of Clare. The opening hymn was

"When the Almighty Architect
Had planned the heavens and earth."

The proper psalms—the 15th, 19th, and 133rd—were sung to tunes by Rumbault and Barnby, the "Magnificat" to Dupuis, and "Nunc Dimittis" to Jones. The anthem was the collect for Quinquagesima Sunday to J. Marsh's music, while the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Burton, of Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, P.G. Chaplain. The teaching inculcated is, from our rev. brother's view, essentially Masonic, and we have great pleasure in publishing it in full. The text was—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth,"—Psalm cxxiv. 8,—and the preacher spoke as follows:—

We are met together here to-day in the House of God. We have been invited to join in this service as part of the ritual connected with the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons. I trust, however, that to many of us it has been no irksome part of to-day's celebrations, but that we have been glad to have the opportunity for praise and prayer, and that we do desire to learn some lesson, out of the volume of the Sacred Law, which may be profitable to our souls. As Freemasons we all acknowledge "The Great Architect of the Universe"—He who is called by the Psalmist in our text,

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"The Lord who made heaven and earth;" and all who range under our banners, in the various countries of the world, whether Christians like ourselves, or whether Jews or Parsees, or others who worship the "One God," would each and all admit that we, as His creatures, need daily to look to Him for help. In addressing you, my brethren, to-day, in this Christian temple, I speak to you as fellow Christians, as well as fellow Masons, for such, by your attendance, you profess yourselves to be. In our Christian faith we all acknowledge three persons in the Blessed Trinity, and I would remind you that it is the second person in that Trinity of whom it is specially said, in John i. 3. "All things were made by Him, and without Him was n t anything made that was made." Accordingly in the Nicene Creed we are taught to profess as our belief, not only that God the Father Almighty is the Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible, but also in one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things were made. So, in the few remarks which I am about to make on this portion of God's Word, I want you to remember that it is not only God the Father, whom by our sins we have grieved and offended, yet who is longing to receive us as His children by adoption and grace, to whom we may look for help, both in our temporal necessities and our spiritual wants, but also God the Son—our Elder Brother—He who took our nature, and knows its weakness. He who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. What encouragement this gives us to come to Him for help. But first it is necessary that I should ask this question—Do you feel your need of help? Our text implies that the Psalmist did, and not only realised his need, but sought and found the help he required. This is throughout a psalm of praise for some signal deliverance; notice the expressions it contains: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped." Have you never seen a bird, escaped from a cage or trap, mounting higher and higher toward the sky, and pouring forth, as it soars, its joyous song of liberty? Just so the exulting Psalmist here concludes, as the reason for their victory—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." We, my brethren, have just as much need of divine assistance as the Psalmist had. We need help in our temporal affairs. How glad we often are to turn to a friend or neighbour in any difficulty or emergency—and, as Masons, the duty of mutual help and support is especially urged upon us—or we need advice, and are glad to go to some one who, from experience or education, is better able to form a judgment for us than we are for ourselves. But all this human help may fail. The weight may be too great to be moved even with assistance; the work may require more time than others may be able or willing to spend in aiding us, or our difficulties may be so great that the best advice we can get does not meet our case. Thus, even our temporal needs require more than human help. But, above all, have we not all spiritual needs? By nature we are lost and ruined, we are in the position of condemned rebels. We want, then, first of all, *pardon and salvation*. This is, indeed, the greatest of all human needs—help to deliver us from the just consequences of our sin. But that is not all. We further require to be saved from sin, as well as from condemnation. We need daily—nay, momentary—help to enable us to overcome sin, to resist all the various allurements that would turn us aside from the right way. In short, there is not one among us who, after a candid examination of his own heart, can assert that he needs no help. On the contrary, we must all confess that our wants are great, and that we require help in cases where human aid would be of no avail whatever. How can any earthly friend save us from the anger of an offended God, or enable us successfully to resist temptation? We might well despair if our deliverance from hell and our meetness for heaven depended upon our own unassisted efforts, or such help as we could get from our sinful fellow mortals. But, blessed be God, none need despair, for every one of us may obtain an all-sufficient help. I ask you the question—Where? from whom? For the answer turn to our text, and learn that "our help is in the name of the Lord." It is God Himself, the God against whom we have rebelled, who has stooped from all His majesty and glory to effect a means of reconciliation and pardon. He has planned and finished the work of our salvation, and is now ready and willing to help all who will accept His aid. It is offered freely and fully. Our Lord Jesus Himself assures us of this in that most blessed verse, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I would further direct your attention to the guarantee which is given in the text, that this help is all sufficient. It is implied in the words, "who made heaven and earth." The argument is, shortly, this:—The God to whom we may look for help is the Great Architect of the Universe—the Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. Therefore, He can do all things. He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. He planned and formed this beautiful earth on which we live. He adorned it with trees and flowers, and furnished it with all the living creatures. And He is not only the Creator, but also the Preserver. It is He who gives to His creatures life and breath, and all things. If, then, my brethren, this God is our helper, what can we have to fear? Surely, as St. Paul says, "He is able to do for us exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think." I trust that many of you, my hearers to-day, have been taught by the Holy Spirit to know your own weakness and helplessness, and you have given up the attempt to do without God's help in urgent and important matters. For instance, you no longer trust in your own righteousness, but accept God's way of salvation by the blood of Jesus; but do you always look to Him for help in little things? He permits you to do so. He would have you take to Him all your daily cares and worries, your every trial and trouble. If we only had a firmer and clearer belief in God's power and willingness to assist and guide us in little things, our lives would be far smoother and happier, and we should be far more often found emulating the angelic employment of praising God. But can it be, my brethren, that any here spurn this proffered help: turn away from this outstretched hand? If so, oh think what it is that you are doing. There is no other aid sufficient; if you refuse God's help, you must inevitably perish. I pray God that this brief word of exhortation which it has been my privilege to address to you this afternoon may prove not to have been spoken in vain, but that we may all realise more fully, first, *our need of help*—help to bear the daily cares and frictions of this earthly life, and also deliverance from the condemnation and the power of sin. And then, when we thus feel our urgent need, that we may realise as fully the blessed truth that "*our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth*," and knowing this, that we may both *praise* Him for past victories, and be encouraged *to trust Him wholly*, and to *trust Him only*, for the rest of our earthly course.

The concluding hymn was, "Oh Lord of heaven and earth and sea." The singing of the choir, under the able Precentor, Mr. J. C. Mills, met with general commendation, and fully deserved the praise so freely bestowed by those who attended. The collection after the service resulted in the sum of £6 10s 8d being contributed; this is to be presented in aid of the funds of the St. Leonard's Hospital, an Institution local to the borough. The brethren returned in procession to the Lodge Room at the Town Hall, when Grand Lodge was resumed. We should add that the brethren of the Stour Valley (Sudbury) Lodge, made suitable preparations, and fitted up the assembly room in a most chaste style, a large platform being erected across the room, with steps and throne for the P.G.M. and P.G. Officers. The ancient carved chairs and furniture of the Lodge were used, the floor being carpeted, and pictures placed on the walls. It will be noticed the W.M. of this Lodge, Bro. R. D. Jones, received the collar of P.G.S.W. We may also say the number present was unusually large, more than at any Grand Lodge held in the Province for several years.

The banquet was supplied, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, by Mrs. Hansell, and considering the large number who attended, the worthy hostess deserves unqualified praise for the way in which she served the repast. There was an ample supply of the good things of this life, and a readiness to consult the wishes of her guests predominated. On the removal of the cloth, the Prov. Grand Master proposed the first toast—the health of the first lady in the land—the Patroness of our Order—Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. After the National Anthem, the Prov. Grand Master called on the brethren to drink the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This toast was most heartily received, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by the professional brethren who had been engaged for the occasion. Lord Waveney next called upon the brethren to drink the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, and with the toast he coupled the name of Bro. William Clarke Assistant Grand Pursuivant of England for the year. After a capital song—"Vanity"—well rendered by Bro. A. Hubbard, Bro. W. Clarke replied, gracefully acknowledging the compliment paid him in having his name associated with the toast. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.D.G.M. rose to propose the next toast—the health of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, the Right Hon. Lord Waveney. Bro. Martyn referred, in sympathetic terms, to the accident that had so lately befallen their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, and humorously recapitulated the statements so liberally put forth as to the extent of the injuries sustained by his Lordship, and congratulated the Province, as well as Lord Waveney, on his being able to attend their meeting that day. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and after a good selection by the musical party his Lordship rose to reply. After tendering his thanks for the way in which his esteemed Deputy had introduced the toast, he called on the brethren to judge whether any material injury had been done to his lungs—as had been reported—by the way in which he was able to address his assembled brethren. He assured them he fully appreciated the sympathy invoked on his behalf, and was grateful for the kindly feeling displayed on all sides. The Prov. G. Master next proposed, in very happy language, the health of the Deputy Grand Master and a hearty response was given to the toast. After the favourite song—"Down by the brook side," well sung by Bro. Ashton—Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn responded. He thanked the brethren for the reception given to the toast proposed by the Prov. G. Master. It was always a pleasure to serve under so genial a chief as Lord Waveney. Bro. Martyn referred to his heavy duties as a clergyman, and reminded the brethren that he felt he must take into consideration the labours devolving upon him, and hoped he might be excused if he stated that he felt bound to recognise the claims upon him in his clerical capacity as demanding priority over those pertaining to his Masonic functions. Bro. Martyn spoke exultingly as to the success of the day, and called upon the brethren to overlook any shortcomings which resulted in the main from the fact that the members of the entertaining Lodge had not been apprised of the demands for accommodation which would be made upon them. The remaining toasts comprised the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, with which was associated the names of Bro. Jones Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. Lucia Prov. Grand Secretary, to which compliment Bro. Jones replied, in the first instance, and then Bro. Lucia added a few words of compliment and thanks to the meeting for the honour he had received. This was followed by the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," to whom Lord Waveney paid a high compliment for the zeal and assiduity with which they discharged their important duties, and expressed himself as well pleased with the state of Freemasonry in Suffolk. To this Bro. Cooke W.M. of the Royal Clarence, No. 1823, was called upon to reply, and he remarked, at the outset, that, having regard to the fact of his being the Master of the youngest Lodge in the Province, he had little expected that the duty of responding would have devolved upon him. Still, if the compliment was unexpected, as he feared it was undeserved, the pleasure of having his name

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associated with such a toast was in no way lessened. On behalf of himself—and he thought he could speak for the other Worshipful Masters of the Province—he had made a point of doing all that lay in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge over which he had been called upon to preside, and he hoped and believed that future Masters would do their best to emulate, and, if possible, surpass the efforts of himself and those at present occupying a similar position. Lord Waveney then gave the Charities of the Order, and in doing so spoke in the warmest terms of the usefulness and extent of the work they were doing, as well as of the admirable manner in which their affairs were administered. Bro. Terry thanked his lordship for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and expressed himself as highly gratified with the result of his exertions for next year's Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He had already, he remarked, secured the services of three Suffolk brethren to act as Stewards for 1881, and one of these, Bro. Lucia, had undertaken to serve in that capacity at the Festivals of all three Charities. He referred in complimentary terms to the liberality of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day, as illustrated by their vote of Twenty Guineas to the Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the Deputy Grand Master's list, and Ten Guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He recounted at some length what had been and was being done by these Institutions, and congratulated those present on the determination they had arrived at to convert their terminable votes into votes in perpetuity. He urged upon them the necessity of establishing an energetic system of organization by which, whenever they had a candidate on the list of applicants, they might be able to carry his election, pointing out how imperative it was they should have some such system, and how difficult—if not impossible—it would be for them ever to get their candidate without one, if the London Voting Association should establish itself permanently. He added some useful advice as to the steps they should take to set such an organization on foot. He pointed out how desirable it was, seeing that some Suffolk brethren were among the recipients of the benefits conferred by the Benevolent Institution, the members of the different Lodges in the Province should extend a liberal support to that Institution; and he concluded a most excellent speech by referring in most eulogistic terms to Bro. Body's efforts as Steward in February. With the health of the Visitors was, in the first instance, associated the name of Brother Dorling, but that esteemed brother who is a Past Grand Secretary of the Province, disclaimed all title to the honour of responding for the toast. It was true, he said, that his business engagements had necessitated a change of residence, so that in that sense he might be regarded as a visitor, but as one who had enjoyed the honour of being a Grand Officer of the Province, he was with them heart and soul as a brother. Bro. Higgs, therefore, took upon himself to acknowledge the compliment paid the brethren from other parts of the country, and in obedience to a special call, Bro. W. W. Morgan supplemented that brother's remarks, his humorous reference to that portion of the minutes of the Prov. Board of General Purposes, which referred to the consumption of wine at the Prov. Grand Lodge banquets being received with great merriment. Bro. Ardley acknowledged, in sympathetic terms, the toast of "The Ladies," and expressed the gratification he felt at having the honour of replying on their behalf entrusted to him. Bro. Ardley, we believe, is on the eve of taking unto himself a wife. It was, therefore, in the order of things that he should speak not only sympathetically, but eloquently, on behalf of the fair sex. Doubtless when Bro. Ardley has consummated his wishes he will speak with a more intimate knowledge of their many virtues, while his remarks will be less generally applicable than they were on this occasion. Among the other toasts honoured was that of "The Masonic Press, with which was connected the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, whose brief remarks, in acknowledgment of the compliment paid him, were extremely well received. Even the longest and most enjoyable day, however, must come to an end, and Wednesday, the *dies fastus* of our Suffolk brethren, proved no exception. On Thursday morning, brethren from a distance, after a night's rest, departed for their several homes, and the town of Sudbury once again reverted to its normal state of placid contentment. We should be doing a great injustice to several brethren who contributed not a little to the pleasures of the meeting if we omitted to state that the brother who had charge of the musical arrangements, and his able coadjutors, were highly but deservedly complimented for the very admirable manner in which they had fulfilled their portion of the programme. These were Bro. Henry Ashton, of the Glee Union, in charge, and Bros. F. J. Cozens—whose rendering of the well-known song of the "Woodpecker" was heartily applauded—A. Hubbard, and George Musgrave.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday, Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine presiding, supported by Bros. J. Todd P.M. as S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., C. G. Padel M.O., G. Garbut S.O., M. Millington J.O., A. T. B. Turner S.D., R. Walker as J.D., J. Church as I.G., and other members. The Secretary read a letter of thanks from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire in response to a telegram forwarded by him to Lincoln last month on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Charles Harrison, M.D., as Right Worshipful Provincial G.M.M. Mason of that Province. The W.M. said he had received a courteous invitation to be present at the consecration of the Fleming Mark Lodge, at Newark, on the 9th August. He regretted that he could not attend, but trusted some of the brethren of the Lodge would be able to be there. The Secretary read letters from Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., and J. S. Cumberland J.W., explaining their absence, from causes over which they had no control. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then brought forward a subject of which he had given notice, namely, the condition of Mark Masonry in the district of North and East Yorkshire. He said that some time ago he had moved in the direction of the formation of a Mark Province for North and East Yorkshire, but the Hull Mark Lodges were opposed to the scheme, which had fallen through. He was now more than ever convinced that some steps should be taken in the direction of placing the Lodges in the Province under some form of Provincial government. It would, he was satisfied, greatly tend to the advancement of the degree, and give active brethren an opportunity of obtaining the reward of merit in the shape of Provincial honours, which they did not at present possess. He admitted that a Province consisting of four Lodges (the present number in North and East Yorkshire) was not strong, though quite as strong as many others now in flourishing existence, and he was of opinion that the best plan that could be adopted would be for those four Lodges to petition the Grand Mark Lodge to extend the present Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire over the whole county, so as to form a powerful Province of the whole of Yorkshire. Many advantages would thereby be secured, not the least being that Provincial Office would under such circumstances be much better worth having than in weak Provinces, where about every other Mark Mason you met wore Provincial clothing. Moreover, a Province of such dimensions would have some chance of doing something for the Charities, whereas a newly-formed and weak Province would probably be in a financially crippled condition for years. He concluded some lengthy remarks by moving, "That in the opinion of this Lodge the time has arrived for considering the question of the status of Mark Masonry in North and East Yorkshire, and of the desirability of attaching the Lodges to the Province of West Yorkshire, in order to form one Province of the whole county of Yorkshire, and that the Secretary be empowered to call a meeting at York, at an early date, of the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Secretaries of Mark Lodges in the District, in order to decide upon a course of action in reference thereto." This resolution was seconded, and strongly supported by Bro. J. Todd P.M., Bro. G. Balmford P.M., and other brethren, and carried unanimously; a letter also being read from Bro. Cumberland, entirely approving of the same. Bro. J. Todd then moved, and the J.O. seconded a resolution, which also was carried unanimously, "That so far as this Lodge is concerned, it is strongly in favour of obtaining the sanction of the Grand Mark Lodge of England to be attached to the Province of West Yorkshire." A candidate for advancement was proposed, and the Lodge was closed at 8·30 p.m.

Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.—A very pleasant meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, when the brethren assembled at their head quarters, the Greyhound, Croydon. There were present Bros. John Henry Sugg W.M., Frederick A. Manning S.W., J. C. F. W. Rogers J.W., James Robins (the Father of the Lodge and senior P.M.) Treasurer, Magnus Ohren A.G.D.C. England P.M. Secretary, John Methven S.D., Charles M. Ohren J.D.; P.M.'s Charles Pawley, A. T. Jeffery, J. W. Sugg, and a fair attendance of brethren, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Thomas 3, Coulston 33 P.M. 125, Waterman 1539, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock, and the minutes were read, put for confirmation and signed. Bros. Frederick Toynbee and Thos. Toynbee were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced a step, and the candidates were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed, and the Treasurer made his financial statement. This showed the Lodge to be working on a sound basis, and that there remained a goodly balance in hand. During the evening the W.M. invested Bro. P.M. Jeffery, who was unable to attend on the installation night, with the collar of Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge. The petition of a late member of the Lodge for assistance from the Board of Benevolence, to enable him to proceed to Canada, was brought under notice, and the members gave the appeal their hearty support. Moreover, on the proposition of Bro. P.M. Pawley, seconded by Bro. James Robins P.M. and Treasurer, a sum of £3 3s was voted out of the Charity Fund of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in the month of September. The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner, which, as is invariably the case at this hostelry, was admirably served, though the appointments might have received a greater share of attention. The customary toasts were given, and received due honour at the hands of all present, the intervals between the speeches being turned to good account by several of the brethren, who loyally contributed to the entertainment of their fellows by singing some excellent songs.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—At the Bedford Hotel, W.C., on the 20th inst., Bros. Snodin W.M., Pelikan S.W., Caton J.W., John Soper Secretary, E. Willey S.D., Pratt J.D., Elliott I.G.; P.M.'s Bingemann, T. B. Dodson, Watts; also Bros. W. G. Dickins, Evans, Hallam sen., Stroud, Scott and Parker. Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Parker was entrusted and afterwards raised. The sections of the degree were then worked by Bros. Pelikan, Hallam and Watts respectively. Bro. Pelikan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 27th July, at 7 p.m. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, 3rd August.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met at Freemasons' Hall last Wednesday, when there were present:—Bros. Joshua Nunn S.V.P. as President, James Brett J.V.P. as S.V.P., S. Rawson as J.V.P., H. Garrod, J. Constable, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Perryman, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, R. P. Bent, M. Obren, Griffiths Smith, J. D. Collier, T. Cubitt, D. C. Spaull, J. Marnham, T. G. Vehman, A. W. Durst, T. B. Gouran, E. H. Sugg, W. Ackland, M. Helliwell, C. H. Webb, W. A. Dawson, T. W. Murley, W. A. Weston, W. Radcliffe, G. L. Moore, A. McMillan, F. Spurrell, W. Spencer, J. T. Gavin, A. D. Loewenstark. Grants made at last meeting, amounting to £475, were confirmed, and grants amounting to £575 were made to new cases. These consisted of one £100, three £50, one £40, five £30, one £25, four £20, and three £10. Two petitions were deferred.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, 15th instant, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. T. Hopwood Hutchinson Prov. G. Master. Three candidates were received, and the Officers for the year were appointed, V.W. Bro. Entwisle being placed in the chair of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. It was resolved that a suitable address of thanks should be prepared and presented to V.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, who for several years had worthily filled the office of Deputy. The members subsequently dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on 20th July, under the presidency of the M.E. Sir Knight W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Prior, when the following Sir Knights were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knts. W. Hickman Prov. Sub. Prior, T. Best Chancellor, J. E. Le Feuvre Constable, F. H. McCalmont Marshal, R. L. Loveland Vice-Chancellor, H. M. Green Registrar, E. Groves Chamberlain, H. P. Aslatt Herald, J. R. Hayman Captain of Line.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Town Hall, Andover, on Tuesday, the 3rd of August, at the hour of 1.30 p.m.; the P.G. Lodge to be close tyled punctually at two o'clock. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., will preside, and there will doubtless be a large attendance of brethren in this most energetic Province. The banquet will take place at the Foresters' Hall, at 3.30 p.m.

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DEDICATION OF A MAS
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WEDNESDAY, 14th July, was
of Freemasonry in Portsm
the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants an
Beach, M.P.) for the dedication o
spacious banquetting-room and offi
Club recently erected in Comme
muster-roll of members, and the sh
prior to the ceremony of dedicatin
presidency of the ex-Mayor (Mr. A
man of the Directors, determined, t
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by the purchase of the Roman C
cottage in the rear. The school w
and the building raised to the
quetting room extends from the ba
gardens, having a length of 63 feet,
of 13 feet. Adjoining the banquetti
scullery, and hall keeper's sitting-r
floor. Over the banquetting-room
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has a prettily arched roof, with a st
the handsome apartment being lig
ninety gas jets. Contiguous to the l
two reception rooms, hall keeper's l
the club have been built from the p
ence of Mr. E. J. Smith, architect
Fratton, and the contractor was Mr.
race, Victoria-road-north, Southsea.
been deferred on account of the bu
completed. Three Lodges—the Roy
bearing the names of the Masters
Lodge, has been fixed in a conspicuo
Lodge): the Landmark and the Pal

tions which they saw to-day, and the result of the exertions that had been put forth had been to produce a structure which he thought all would admit was adequate to the occasion. Therefore he thought he had every reason to congratulate the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the very successful efforts they had made for the propagation of the art by producing a building in which it was fitting that Freemasonry should be carried on. They had heard that in former days it was the custom of Freemasons to join together for the erection of great buildings; that Freemasons skilled in the art laid the foundations of buildings and carried them into execution. They knew this by tradition, which they reverenced, and also by certain indications in the buildings, which a Freemason could never mistake. Encouraged by the efforts of their brethren in former times, the Masons of this age, though they had to a great extent relinquished the operative arts of their predecessors, did not relinquish the interest which they *felt* in all great and important buildings. They were anxious to show the interest which they felt in them by contributing by every means in their power to their erection and support. They had had of late a very gratifying and important occasion, when the head of their Order went down to a remote part of England and laid the foundation-stone of a cathedral. It was the first foundation-stone of a cathedral that had been laid for several hundred years, and he thought they, as Masons, had reason to congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Freemasons, was selected to perform that great and important ceremony. Many Freemasons rallied round him on that occasion, and showed their loyalty to the head of the Craft by taking a part in that interesting ceremony, and he was sure it was the wish of all present, as it would be the wish of all Freemasons, that upon the foundation-stone laid that day would be reared a building worthy of him who laid the stone and worthy of the Freemasons of England. He thought that that event showed that the Freemasons of the present day were glad to evince to the outer world that there was still some harmony, still some unison between them and the operative Masons. But though they were called upon to acknowledge their unity with Masons of former days, yet they had based upon that something which was still more important, still more essential to their existence as an Order. They had grafted upon that unity certain principles which they desired and did their best to inculcate in the heart of every new-made Mason. They desired to impress upon the neophyte and upon him who had made progress in the Order that the lessons which Freemasons desired to enforce were of the most important and beneficial character, and while they were glad to recognise the progress which brethren had made in the Order by the decorations which glittered on their breasts, they trusted there was something far more enduring and important than any external decoration—those principles which should be laid to heart, which they believed to be essential, and which every true Mason desired, to the best of his ability, to carry out in the work of his outer life. Let them strive their best to do something in their day and generation to propagate those principles, and to do something for the benefit of that Order which he trusted they all loved so well. There had been times when their Order had been assailed, as it was in the present day. Let them remember that they should do something to prove that the accusations of those who assailed them are baseless and destitute of foundation. If they did this they should have reason to congratulate themselves, and should earn the approbation of their brother Freemasons. And they would earn what was far more important than any approbation that could be given them—the testimony of a good conscience. He once more congratulated them upon the erection of that building, and he trusted that within those walls pure and ancient Freemasonry would be carried on, and that the Hall which was to be dedicated that day might be fraught with advantage and blessing to the Freemasons of Portsmouth and its vicinity. The P.G. Chaplain having delivered an oration on Masonry, the ceremony of dedication was performed according to ancient rites. At the conclusion of the ceremony the P.G.M., at

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England." His visit to the Great City Lodge was on
1875, and he was appointed Grand Junior Warden on
th April, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H.
Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at
d let me add, that on the ensuing 11th May, in his
rman at the Festival of the Masonic Girls' Institution,
said, "Brethren, I feel under the obligation to say
s which have been so recently conferred upon myself
cognition of the services of the Masons in the old
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aking history, which is sufficient reason for my trou-
these few remarks.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

E GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

he Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

p BROTHER,—The minutes of Grand Lodge commence
3, and those bearing such date are signed by "John
nguliers, Deputy Grand Master." They are entered
ndwriting, under date of 29th November 1723, 19 h
28th "Aprill 1724," and are *not* signed at foot. On
the Earl of Dalkeith presided in Grand Lodge, and
gnatures follow the recorded minutes:—

"DALKEITH G M. 1724." (*s c*)
"J. T. DESAGULIERS Dep. G.M."
"FRA SORRELL Senr. G.W."
"JOHN SENEX Junr."—

of 21st November 1724, 17th March, 20th May,
27th November, 1725, are unsigned. But to those of
1725, are appended the signatures of

"RICHMOND & LENOX G.Mr. 1725." (*sic*)
"M. FFOLKES D.G.M."
"FRA SORRELL Senr. Gd. Wdn."
"GEO. PAYNE Junr. G.W."

e again wanting, to the Proceedings of 28th February
ber 1726, but re-appear under date of 27th "Ffebry
—

"PAISLEY G.Mr. 1726." (*sic*)
"J. T. DESAGULIERS D.G.Mr."
"DAN HOUGHTON S.G.W. 1726."
"J. PRENDERGAST J.G.W. 1726. "

f the following 27th May [1727] were signed by

"INCHIQUIN G.M. 1727."
"WM. COWPER D.G.M. 1727."
"ALEXAND CHOCKE } Grand Wardens."
"WM. BURDEN }

and Officers attest the Minutes of 24th June, and
rl of Inchiquin—those of 28th October and 19th De-
nt the Minutes of 27th December 1727 are only
gnatures of Bros. Cowper and Chocke.
mentioned date until 29th January 1730, the Pro-
l Lodge are recorded in the same handwriting, and
ntered up" from loose papers, or "rough Minutes."
e appended to the proceedings recorded in Vol. I.
tes after those of Bros. Cowper and Chocke, which
already stated, to the Minutes of 27th December

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

that the *earliest* Minutes were not signed or

supporters numbered 16, those a
Bro. Speight, being 21. The most
cerning myself was that, at the fi
highest number of votes, but a few
brethren favoured me with their s
to change their minds I cannot
letter, I should like to acknowledg
those friends who supported me
those other brethren who promised
from the meeting, and others who
the result of my non-success.

I am, Dear Sir and

67 Knowle-road, Brixton-road, S.W
21st July 1880.

THE GRAND LOI

To the Editor of the FI

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can
Calendar Committee of the Grand I
bers all asleep, or are they silently
great scheme which will some day,
its fathers, blossom forth and give
worthy of the name of the Calenda
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Surely such a powerful and wea
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ing the books and MSS. as to ha
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20th July.

THE A. & A. AND T

To the Editor of the FRE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will
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Supreme Council A. and A.

As to "CRAFTSMAN'S" humility, w
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fable, "The Fox and the Grapes,"
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To the Editor of the FRE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—So lo

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with by the reporters, when he would probably have leisure to give his undivided energies to the composition of personal abuse, and to the study of the epistles of his virtuous correspondent "B. F."?

Yours fraternally,

21st July 1880. H.

PAUCITY OF CHAIRMEN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have drawn attention to the fact of one brother so frequently occupying the chair at the meetings of the Committees and Courts of our Institutions. I agree with you that no one would be so ill advised or exhibit such bad taste as to question that worthy brother's zeal and ability in the cause of Masonry, but "nevertheless and notwithstanding" as schoolboys say, his zeal and ability do not affect the value of your criticism which, if I read it rightly, is directed against allowing all these meetings, held, as they are, in respect of different Institutions, to be influenced by the tone of one brother. But after all the fault rests not with this individual member of the Courts or Committees, &c., but with those who make a point of voting him into the chair. Possibly they do this out of compliment to his Masonic standing, and no doubt it is desirable to have a brother experienced in the duties of a chairman presiding on these occasions. But that does not make it the less impolitic to have one mind governing the proceedings of these Committees, whether they are connected with the Boys' School, the Girls' School, or the Benevolent. Let us not make the mistake of always electing the same chairman, lest in the course of time we find that the Committee and Courts are ruled by a dictator instead of by a chairman or president.

There is also another and equally practical reason why the practice you have drawn attention to should be avoided. It is unwise to have only one string to your bow. There is the likelihood that the one string may in time get frayed and disturb the accuracy of the marksman, or it may be subjected to a tension beyond its strength and snap asunder, in which case, of course, the bow becomes useless. So if the chairman of the Committees and Courts of our three Institutions should one day, from one cause or other, be unable to attend, where will be found a brother, having any experience in presiding, to take his place? The rule that forbids a brother being Master of a Lodge for longer than two years consecutively is a wise one, as, in the course of time, every Lodge has a fair complement of brethren competent to direct its labours. And if this is true of a Lodge, which has only its own business to take into account, it must certainly be true of bodies which have charge of the management of large Institutions, such as our Schools and Benevolent Fund.

Let us now and then have a little variety in the way of Presidents, if it be only out of compliment to the French proverb against the monotony of "partridge always."

Yours faithfully,

T.

THE GREAT PYRAMID is in danger—not from toppling over, but from being stolen away. The Khedive is building a new mosque, and he can find nothing better to build it than from stones out of the Great Pyramid. Five centuries ago the same pyramid was plundered in order to build another mosque. We hope the Government will interfere. Those of our readers who wish to behold this greatest feat in Operative Masonry before it is despoiled by subtraction, division, or possible removal to this country, like Cleopatra's Needle, had better secure their tickets for the Great Pyramid at once.—*Keystone.*

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TUESDAY, 27th JULY.

tee Girls' School, at 4.
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
tional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
tv, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
igh, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
rederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
). Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
rth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
iverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
lur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
lgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
hree Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
an, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
ght, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
rocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
apter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
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. Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6:30 (Instruction)
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or, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
e, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
asonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY.

nent at the R.M.B.I., Croydon
ailway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
lasons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
th, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
. Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
lham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
y, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
s, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
t, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
night, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
e Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

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IURSDAY, 29th JULY.

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doorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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SUMMER OUTING O LODGE,

ON Thursday, the 15th instant prosperous Lodge assembled accompanied by their friends, for the river for a day's enjoyment, in the Excursion Committee, of which Punctually at 11·15 the following t screw launch Wild Rose :—Bros. J G.S. of Works Berks and Bucks, W Ferguson S.W. 1101, E. J. Black Treasurer 1101, T. Newman I.G. 11 1101, R. C. Prickett Junior Steward E. Margrett P.M. 1101, T. J. Pull B. Hammett 1101, W. Cordrey 1101 S. Bradley W.M. 414, M. J. Withe 1687, G. Hackford P.M. 1328, J. R. P.M. 340, J. Packer S.W. 816, R. Ti 1436. They started in a pouring r before they reached the Lock at S throughout the day proved deligh could be desired. On reaching Med to view the Abbey and the scenery Hotel, they found an excellent lunch was done. The trip was resumed, a the beauty of which was certainly b ing Great Marlow, a second landin Angler's Hotel, where the pretty law mired, as well as the waterfall near t past the lovely Cliefden Woods, thro Lock, and Maidenhead Bridge, to the turned and proceeded to the Ray Mea mine host Deacon, who welcomed the was well served, and to which about cluding some members of the Ellingt the cloth, the W.M., as Chairman, ga announcing that the usual Masonic c with on this occasion. After other Lo honoured, "The Excursion Committee P.M., and responded to by Bros. Ma The toast of the evening was the pr introduced by Bro. Prickett, who annu Masters from London Lodges were presenting him with a testimonial, of his intimate Masonic friends. I dress regalia, necessitated by his rece of Works Berks and Bucks, and incl gold jewel of the office, in an appropr in a beautiful morocco case, duly inse respect of his friends, and of their conducting the ceremonies in the Lodg recognition of his valuable services in masonry, particularly his late great Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the magnificent sum of two hundred p presented Bro. Danks with the testim piness and prolonged life to wear it Lodge over which he presides. The t with the greatest enthusiasm. The W his thanks for the kind manner in which the sentiments of the subscribers to th they had just offered him, and which feelings of

inconveniently crowded, the master of brethren being unusually numerous. The P.G.M. was accompanied by the V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman, and at the opening of the Lodge each received the Masonic honours due to his rank. Among the brethren present were—Bros F. Newman P.M. P.G.S.W., M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre P.M. P.G. Secretary, A. Platt Wilks P.P.G.S.W., G. S. Lancaster P.P.G.W., H. M. Emannel P.P.G.W., W. H. Ford P.P.G.W., G. A. Green P.G.J.D., S. S. Pearce P.P.G.S.D., W. D. King W.M. 1776 P.P.G.D., H. Threadingham P.G.D.W., J. T. Craven P.P.G.S.B., J. Wallingford P.P.G.W., J. Parker P.P.G.S.B, G. N. Helsdon P.G.D.C., T. Francis P.M. 804, R. J. Murrell I.P.M. 1776, G. Felton Lancaster P.P.G.D., G. R. Strick W.M. 1428, E. D. Godwin P.M. 76 P.G. Reg., H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Clay P.M. 804 P.G.S., J. W. Willmott P.M. 342 P.G.S., G. Wilkins P.M. 342, A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, Rosoman W.M. 1461, J. Tayler P.M. 309, Rev. C. G. Browne P.M. 95 P.G. Chaplain, Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain 309, Rev. P. H. Good, E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Dart W.M. 804, Grant W.M. 1705, E. Barnes W.M. 342, Mitchell W.M. 903, R. J. Rastrick P.M., C. J. Phillips P.M. P.G.S., T. R. Williams Worshipful Master 257, H. T. Cecil P.G.S., T. Batchelor P.P.G.S., G. Rake P.M.'s P.P.G.S.W., E. Groves P.P.G.D.C., C. B. Whitcomb P.G.D.C, John P.M. P.G.S.B., Dr. C. Knott S.W. 342, J. R. Harman S.W. 257, Laverty J.W. 1428, Friedberg P.P.G.P., Weeks P.M., J. Winterbottom, W. E. Atkins, J. W. Stroud S.W. 903, G. H. Noel, G. L. Green, D Whitehall, H. J. Andrews J.W. 1776, T. Good S.W. 1834, G. Mason J.W. 1834, W. C. Bland, G. Whitehall, T. Mares, Robert Mare 126 St. Mary's, U.S., P Murch, J. Gieve, J. G. Jones, J. Arnold, T. J. Hooper, G. T. Cunningham, T. H. Williams, W. Gunnell, J. W. Boughton, J. S. Gardner, D. Gilmour, Hill, Maybour, Chamberlain, De Rheims, J. S. Dyer, J. E. Buck, Banning, &c. The P.G.M., addressing the assembled brethren, congratulated the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the success which had attended their efforts. It was not very long since that he had the pleasure of attending and seeing the then Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Alderman W. D. King) lay the foundation-stone of that building. A very short time had elapsed before the building had assumed the proportions which they saw to-day, and the result of the exertions that had been put forth had been to produce a structure which he thought all would admit was adequate to the occasion. Therefore he thought he had every reason to congratulate the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the very successful efforts they had made for the propagation of the art by producing a building in which it was fitting that Freemasonry should be carried on. They had heard that in former days it was the custom of Freemasons to join together for the erection of great buildings; that Freemasons skilled in the art laid the foundations of buildings and carried them into execution. They knew this by tradition, which they reverenced, and also by certain indications in the buildings, which a Freemason could never mistake. Encouraged by the efforts of their brethren in former times, the Masons of this age, though they had to a great extent relinquished the operative arts of their predecessors, did not relinquish the interest which they felt in all great and important buildings. They were anxious to show the interest which they felt in them by contributing by every means in their power to their erection and support. They had had of late a very gratifying and important occasion, when the head of their Order went down to a remote part of England and laid the foundation-stone of a cathedral. It was the first foundation-stone of a cathedral that had been laid for several hundred years, and he thought they, as Masons, had reason to congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Freemasons, was selected to perform that great and important ceremony. Many Freemasons rallied round him on that occasion, and showed their loyalty to the head of the Craft by taking a part in that interesting ceremony, and he was sure it was the wish of all present, as it would be the wish of all Freemasons, that upon the foundation-stone laid that day would be reared a building worthy of him who laid the stone and worthy of the Freemasons of England. He thought that that event showed that the Freemasons of the present day were glad to evince to the outer world that there was still some harmony, still some unison between them and the operative Masons. But though they were called upon to acknowledge their unity with Masons of former days, yet they had based upon that something which was still more important, still more essential to their existence as an Order. They had grafted upon that unity certain principles which they desired and did their best to inculcate in the heart of every new-made Mason. They desired to impress upon the neophyte and upon him who had made progress in the Order that the lessons which Freemasons desired to enforce were of the most important and beneficial character, and while they were glad to recognise the progress which brethren had made in the Order by the decorations which glittered on their breasts, they trusted there was something far more enduring and important than any external decoration—those principles which should be laid to heart, which they believed to be essential, and which every true Mason desired, to the best of his ability, to carry out in the work of his outer life. Let them strive their best to do something in their day and generation to propagate those principles, and to do something for the benefit of that Order which he trusted they all loved so well. There had been times when their Order had been assailed, as it was in the present day. Let them remember that they should do something to prove that the accusations of those who assailed them are baseless and destitute of foundation. If they did this they should have reason to congratulate themselves, and should earn the approbation of their brother Freemasons. And they would earn what was far more important than any approbation that could be given them—the testimony of a good conscience. He once more congratulated them upon the erection of that building, and he trusted that within those walls pure and ancient Freemasonry would be carried on, and that the Hall which was to be dedicated that day might be fraught with advantage and blessing to the Freemasons of Portsmouth and its vicinity. The P.G. Chaplain having delivered an oration on Masonry, the ceremony of dedication was performed according to ancient rites. At the conclusion of the ceremony the P.G.M., at the request of Bro. H. Cawte, presented Bro. H. M. Emannel P.P.G. Senior Warden, with a handsome 18-carat gold jewel, with five bars, bearing the names of the Phœnix, Royal Sussex, Portsmouth, United Brothers, and United Service Lodges, who had joined in this mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Emannel, during a period of sixteen years, as their almoner. The presentation was made in eulogistic terms by the P.G.M., and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Emannel, who was appointed to his Provincial rank by the late Admiral of the Fleet Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., Bro. Beach's predecessor in the chair of the Province. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room. Bro W. D. King presided, and was supported by the R.W. Prov. G.M., and the present and past Officers of the P.G. Lodge, and by several W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the Craft; the vice-chairs were filled by Bro. E. Barnes W.M. 342, and Bro. H. Cawte W.M. 1834. The dinner was served under the superintendence of Bro. George Wilkins, of Queen-street, Portsea, who was afterwards highly complimented on the success of his efforts. The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." alluding to the great interest he had shown in the welfare of the Craft. He expressed a hope that at no distant date the P.G. Lodge would be held in their new building. The P.G.M., in responding, promised that in making arragements for the P.G. Lodges, Portsmouth should not be forgotten. "The D P.G.M. (Bro. Hickman) and the Officers of P.G. Lodge," was the next toast, and was acknowledged by Bros. Hickman D.P.G.M., F. Newman P.G.S.W., M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, and J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, the latter remarking that he that day practically made his last public appearance as P.G. Secretary, he having found that the duties required more attention than he was able to give to them. The remaining toasts were "Success to the Freemasons' Hall and Club," to which the Chairman and Bro. E. S. Main the Secretary responded; "The W.M.'s and Officers of neighbouring Lodges," and "Masonic Charities."—*Portsmouth Times.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, DEVON.

THE annual meeting of this P.G. Lodge was held on Thursday, 15th July, at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Stonehouse. The Committee of General Purposes had met previously, and besides the *ex-officio* members there were present—Bros. Godtschalk, Bayley, Lose, and Jew. There were no petitions for relief, and the committee recommended that the balance of the funds be given to the Benevolent Institution of the Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, there was some opposition to this report. Bro. Godtschalk forcibly advocated the claims of the Great Masonic Charities, showing how much the Devon Masons had benefited therefrom. He was ably seconded by Bro. Aitken Davies, but on the principle that the report of a committee should be always adopted, the money was voted to the Benevolent Fund of the M.M.M. Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Beachy, seconded by Admiral Glasse, the Right Worshipful Bro. Col. J. Tanner Davy was re-elected Provincial Grand Master. Bro. John Treeby was elected Treasurer, and Bros. J. B. Gover, C. Godtschalk, J. E. Curteis, and S. Jew were elected members of the Board of General Purposes. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were, Bros. C. Spence Bate D.P.G. M.M., W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, M.P., S.W., Charles G. Vicary J.W., Charles S. Willshire M.O., James Jerman S.O., John P. Sawyer J.O., Thomas W. Lemon Chaplain, John Treeby Treasurer, Charles Rodda Registrar, Vincent Bird Secretary, R. G. Barratt Assistant-Secretary, Edwin J. Knight S.D., F. Littleton J.D., S. B. Richards S.Works, F. C. Lewarne D.C., Alexander Rowe A.D.C., J. W. Collings S.B., F. J. Pratt S.B., James Lose O., R. Dickson P., J. Turner S., C. Stevens S., W. Densham S., James Gidley Tyler. There were present Lt.-Col. J. T. Davey J.P., P.G.M.M., F. W. H. Glasse P.G.S. Warden, Vincent Bird P.P.G.Tr. P.G. Sec., John Ingle P.G. Treasurer S.O. 215, Edward Curteis P.G.D. England P.P.G.W., R. H. Rae P.M. 35 P.P.G.T., T. W. Lemon P.M. 35 P.P.G. Chaplain, Samuel Jew P.M. 66 P.P.G.M.O., Spence Bate P.M. 35 P.P.G.S.W., Thomas Bayley P.M. 35 P.P G.J.W., E. Aitken Davies P.M. 96 P.P.G.J.D., Richard Lose P.M. 48 P.G.D. P.P.G.D.C., J. H. Stephens P.M. 48 P.P.G.Swd.B., J. Bartlett P.M. 48, J. W. Trevan J.W. 48, J. W. S. Trevan M.O. 48, H. R. Langmead 16 Prov. I.G., E. Langmead 16, J. Benney 16, Charles G. Vicary J.O. 215, William Harris I.P.M. 215 P.G.J D., Richard Lose jun. S.D. 48, Lieut.-Colonel Fitzgerald 35 P.G.M.O., W. P. Gleton I.G. 48, Henry Horton M.O. 35 P.P.G.J.W., T. C. Lewarn P.G S. W.M. 76, H. Millar P.M. 76 P.G.S.W., E. Binding P.M. 16 P.G.M.O., W. H. Cawse S.D. 16, John Algar S.O. 15, Samuel Martin 66, Alexander Rowe W.M. 91, E. D. Parnel P.M. 16 P P.G S.B., R. Selmon 91, R. Dickson 16, W. H. Mackey S.W. 100, C. Marshall 48, Simon Hyne 169, James Chapple 15, Charles Godtschalk P.M. 66 P.P.G.D.C., J. Gidley P.G. Tyler 66, W. H. Hunt 135, J. M. Hifley P.M. 76 P.P.G.J.D., J. S. Saunders S.W. 215, J. H. Toms P.M. and Treasurer 100 P.P.G. Swd.B., J. P. Sawyer W.M. 100, Charles Rodda 66, W. Collings J.D. 48, Edwin Knight P.M. 16 P.P.G.S.B., James R. H. Harris M.O. 91, John S. Saunders 48, Stephen Chubb D.C. 48, James Lose O. 48, John Lynn P.M. 91 P.P.G.O., B. B. S. Richards P.M. 23, J. H. Bennett 76, George Barrett J.O. 35, J. R. Lord J.W. 50, E. Howard I.G. 135, R. B. Twose 66 P.P.G.Tr., J. Hounsell 15 P.G.D.C., Daniel Cross 169 P.P.G.S.B., S. Nicholls P.G.S.B., John D. Barker P.G.O., Richard Pengelly P.M. 50 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, H. G. Beachey W.M. 215 P.G. Registrar, James Jerman W.M. 15, W. Densham S.W. 15, J. B. Gover P.M. 66 P.P.G.M.O. The banquet was held at Bro. Walters's Farley Hotel, and was all that could be desired. The usual toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening spent, as is always the case when the genial R.W.P.G. Master presides.

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THE LORD MAYOR AT THE ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In the report of the above proceedings in your last issue, I notice that the W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, remarked "that he had searched the Masonic records as far as possible, and he could not find that from the days of Walworth, or any other Civic worthies, to the present time, the Lord Mayor ever visited a Masonic Lodge in his Civic capacity as Lord Mayor."

Allow me to point out, that in every London newspaper of 22nd March, and in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 27th March 1875, there is an account of a Grand Entertainment to the then Lord Mayor (Bro. David Stone) and Sheriffs of London, by the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at the Cannon-street Hotel. It appears that a great number of Grand Officers were present on the occasion, *and amongst them Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton himself.*

This is said to have been the largest assemblage of Freemasons ever known in the City of London.

There is also an inaccuracy in your editorial remarks. You say, "Lord Mayor Stone formally visited the Great City Lodge not long *after* his appointment by the Prince of Wales to the Junior Grand Wardenship of England." His visit to the Great City Lodge was on the 20th March 1875, and he was appointed Grand Junior Warden on the following 28th April, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at Albert Hall; and let me add, that on the ensuing 11th May, in his speech, as Chairman at the Festival of the Masonic Girls' Institution, the Lord Mayor said, "Brethren, I feel under the obligation to say that the honours which have been so recently conferred upon myself have been in recognition of the services of the Masons in the old City of London."

We are all making history, which is sufficient reason for my troubling you with these few remarks.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

THE GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The minutes of Grand Lodge commence 24th June 1723, and those bearing such date are signed by "John Theophilus Desaguliers, Deputy Grand Master." They are entered in a *different handwriting*, under date of 29th November 1723, 19th February 1724, 28th "April 1724," and are *not* signed at foot. On 24th June 1724, the Earl of Dalkeith presided in Grand Lodge, and the following signatures follow the recorded minutes:—

"DALKEITH G.M. 1724." (*sic*)
"J. T. DESAGULIERS Dep. G.M."
"FRA SORRELL Senr. G.W."
"JOHN SENEX Junr."—

The minutes of 21st November 1724, 17th March, 20th May, 24th June, and 27th November, 1725, are unsigned. But to those of 27th December 1725, are appended the signatures of

"RICHMOND & LENOX G.Mr. 1725." (*sic*)
"M. FFOLKES D.G.M."
"FRA SORRELL Senr. Gd. Wdn."
"GEO. PAYNE Junr. G.W."

Signatures are again wanting, to the Proceedings of 28th February and 12th December 1726, but re-appear under date of 27th "Ffebry 1726" [27] viz.—

"PAISLEY G.Mr. 1726." (*sic*)
"J. T. DESAGULIERS D.G.Mr."
"DAN HOUGHTON S.G.W. 1726."
"J. PRENDERGAST J.G.W. 1726. "

The minutes of the following 27th May [1727] were signed by

"INCHIQUIN G.M. 1727."
"WM. COWPER D.G.M. 1727."
"ALEXAND CHOCKE } Grand Wardens."
"WM. BURDEN }

The same Grand Officers attest the Minutes of 24th June, and also—less the Earl of Inchiquin—those of 28th October and 19th December 1727. But the Minutes of 27th December 1727 are only verified by the signatures of Bros. Cowper and Chocke.

From the last mentioned date until 29th January 1730, the Proceedings of Grand Lodge are recorded in the same handwriting, and were probably "entered up" from loose papers, or "rough Minutes." No signatures are appended to the proceedings recorded in Vol. I. of the G.L. Minutes after those of Bros. Cowper and Chocke, which are attached, as already stated, to the Minutes of 27th December 1727.

Yours fraternally.

R. F. GOULD.

P.S. I may add, that the *earliest* Minutes were not signed on confirmation, but were verified by the *four* Grand Officers, or such of them as took part in the proceedings recorded. Thus, the Minutes of 24th June should have been signed by the Duke of Wharton, who presided on that date. His not doing so is, however, explained by the Minutes themselves, which record—"that the late G.M. went away without ceremony," on being signally defeated in an attempt to prevent the re-election of Dr. Desaguliers as D.G.M.

THE LATE ELECTION FOR A COLLECTOR TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the account of the election of a collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in last week's FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and as one of the candidates for that appointment, I should like to make a few remarks on the subject. From the information that I have received from some of my friends on the Committee, I cannot think that the manner of carrying out the election was quite so satisfactory as I should have wished. I do not mention this because I happened to be unsuccessful. It appears that there were forty-six candidates on the list issued to the Committee; three of these were not eligible on account of age, seventeen did not receive any support, and several others only a few votes, the six highest being Bros. Worrell 18, Mason 17, Speight 16, Grindell 9, Smith 7, Hill 7. It was determined to submit these names to a second show of hands, the result being that Bro. Mason received 16, Bro. Worrell 14, Bro. Speight 7. Bro. John Mason was then declared elected, but I do not consider this at all fair, as a third ballot ought to have been taken between myself and Bro. Mason, so that the successful candidate might have been elected by the majority of the Committee then present, whereas in reality, this was not so, Bro. Mason's supporters numbered 16, those against him, voting for myself and Bro. Speight, being 21. The most remarkable part of the voting concerning myself was that, at the first show of hands, I received the highest number of votes, but a few minutes afterwards only 14 of the brethren favoured me with their support; what caused the other four to change their minds I cannot possibly tell. Before closing this letter, I should like to acknowledge my best and warmest thanks to those friends who supported me by their votes and interest. To those other brethren who promised me their support, but were absent from the meeting, and others who did not stop to vote, I attribute the result of my non-success.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL.

67 Knowle-road, Brixton-road, S.W.
21st July 1880.

THE GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you tell me what has become of the Calendar Committee of the Grand Lodge of England? Are the members all asleep, or are they silently and solemnly brooding over some great scheme which will some day, when this generation sleeps with its fathers, blossom forth and give to posterity an annual publication worthy of the name of the Calendar of the United Grand Lodge of England?

Surely such a powerful and wealthy body as the Grand Lodge of England might produce something more respectable than the wretched little affair now published under its auspices.

I believe the Grand Lodge Library is now placed under the care of this same Committe. Perhaps they are so busily engaged in arranging the books and MSS. as to have no leisure left for Calendar matters. Doubtless we shall soon hear something about the library and the expenditure of the moneys at the disposal of the Committee. There are always plenty of Masonic works in the market, and of course the Committee will gradually accumulate and catalogue everything of value, and so materially aid the cause of Masonic study.

Yours fraternally,

ZADKIEL.

20th July.

THE A. & A. AND THE A. & P. RITES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to recommend the "CRAFTSMAN" who takes up the cudgel on behalf of the A. and P. Rite not to busy himself with matters with which he is profoundly ignorant. It is only the initiated into these Rites who understand the difference between them, and can therefore appreciate the necessity for the notice issued by the Supreme Council A. and A.

As to "CRAFTSMAN'S" humility, with respect to his particular disregard for the higher degrees of Masonry, it reminds me of a little fable, "The Fox and the Grapes," and I recommend it to his careful perusal.

Yours fraternally,

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FACTS v. FICTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So long as the double leaded paragraphs to which your Masonic contemporary gives the imposing title of *Leaders* are confined to the miscellaneous twaddle to which the writer

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is addicted, it is of very little moment whether they are more or less founded on facts, but when the leading portion of the paper is used to impart information referring to important meetings of a Charity Committee it would be as well that the introduction of fictions should be avoided. I read in the issue for the 10th instant that "the election of the Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place, according to former precedents, on the 15th instant." To what former precedents does the writer refer? Does he mean to imply that 15th July has hitherto been the date on which all elections for vacant offices have been held? If so it would not be difficult to show that there is little or no foundation for this statement, whilst the assertion that it was intended to hold the meeting referred to on the 15*th instant* was equally erroneous. The writer might have ascertained, from the Calendar—had no other source of information been open to him—that the General Committee Meeting of the R.M.B.I. was fixed for 14th July, he might with little trouble have learned, if he did not already know, that it was intended to elect the Collector on that day, but if he knew nothing about the matter it is to be regretted that he should have misled his readers by attempting to give information on a subject of which he was ignorant.

In the next issue, and in the same conspicuous form, it was stated that "Bro. John Mason was elected to the vacant post of Collector by a considerable majority." Let us see how far this statement is justified by the facts. The report of the meeting shows an attendance of about fifty members. There were forty-six candidates for the office, of whom three were declared ineligible, seventeen found no supporters, twenty obtained six votes or less, and six were selected for a further ballot. Of these six, Bro. Mason had seventeen votes, Speight sixteen, Worrell eighteen, the others less than ten each. The "considerable majority" for Bro. Mason does not appear at this stage. On a final vote for the highest three, Bro. Speight scored seven, Bro. Worrell fourteen, and Bro. Mason (successful) sixteen, so that the "considerable majority" resolves itself into sixteen out of thirty-seven votes, and a majority of *two* over the next highest candidates. As facts, figures and truth are evidently beneath the attention of the Editor, would it not be as well if he were to leave these to be dealt with by the reporters, when he would probably have leisure to give his undivided energies to the composition of personal abuse, and to the study of the epistles of his virtuous correspondent "B. F."?

Yours fraternally,

21st July 1880. H.

PAUCITY OF CHAIRMEN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have drawn attention to the fact of one brother so frequently occupying the chair at the meetings of the Committees and Courts of our Institutions. I agree with you that no one would be so ill advised or exhibit such bad taste as to question that worthy brother's zeal and ability in the cause of Masonry, but "nevertheless and notwithstanding" as schoolboys say, his zeal and ability do not affect the value of your criticism which, if I read it rightly, is directed against allowing all these meetings, held, as they are, in respect of different Institutions, to be influenced by the tone of one brother. But after all the fault rests not with this individual member of the Courts or Committees, &c., but with those who make a point of voting him into the chair. Possibly they do this out of compliment to his Masonic standing, and no doubt it is desirable to have a brother experienced in the duties of a chairman presiding on these occasions. But that does not make it the less impolitic to have one mind governing the proceedings of these Committees, whether they are connected with the Boys' School, the Girls' School, or the Benevolent. Let us not make the mistake of always electing the same chairman, lest in the course of time we find that the Committee and Courts are ruled by a dictator instead of by a chairman or president.

There is also another and equally practical reason why the practice you have drawn attention to should be avoided. It is unwise to have only one string to your bow. There is the likelihood that the one string may in time get frayed and disturb the accuracy of the marksman, or it may be subjected to a tension beyond its strength and snap asunder, in which case, of course, the bow becomes useless. So if the chairman of the Committees and Courts of our three Institutions should one day, from one cause or other, be unable to attend, where will be found a brother, having any experience in presiding, to take his place? The rule that forbids a brother being Master of a Lodge for longer than two years consecutively is a wise one, as, in the course of time, every Lodge has a fair complement of brethren competent to direct its labours. And if this is true of a Lodge, which has only its own business to take into account, it must certainly be true of bodies which have charge of the management of large Institutions, such as our Schools and Benevolent Fund.

Let us now and then have a little variety in the way of Presidents, if it be only out of compliment to the French proverb against the monotony of "partridge always."

Yours faithfully,

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THE GREAT PYRAMID is in danger—not from toppling over, but from being stolen away. The Khedive is building a new mosque, and he can find nothing better to build it than from stones out of the Great Pyramid. Five centuries ago the same pyramid was plundered in order to build another mosque. We hope the Government will interfere. Those of our readers who wish to behold this greatest feat in Operative Masonry before it is despoiled by subtraction, division, or possible removal to this country, like Cleopatra's Needle, had better secure their tickets for the Great Pyramid at once.—*Keystone.*

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND BAZAAR.

THE Committee desire to dispose of such goods as have remained unsold, for which purpose they will be on view at the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, 26th instant, from six p.m. They solicit the attendance of the fraternity and supporters of the Fund, as a large addition is anticipated thereto. It may be interesting to state that the goods offered will be sold without reserve. The sale will be *open to all* who may attend. The articles to be submitted comprise amongst others, Works of Art (one by J. E. Meadows), Chromo-Lithographs, a valuable Screen, Sewing Machine, Household requisites, Electro-plated Ware, by Mappin and Webb, Rocking-horse, an exquisitely bound and valuable Family Bible, Photographs, Prize Medal Berceaunette, and various other goods.

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The Durham correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* states that:—"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has appointed Tuesday, 26th October, for the installation of the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry as the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham. The ceremony will take place in the City of Durham, and will be performed either by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, or the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, it is believed will be the guest of the Marquis of Londonderry, at Wynyard Park, and will honour the installation with his presence.

The Summer Banquet of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, was held on Thursday, 15th July, at the Forest Hotel, Chingford. Bro. G. Powell W.M. presided. After the dinner a capital selection of music was performed by Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, and Bro. Seymour Smith.

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ancient Carthaginian sculpture presented by Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis, was an object of curiosity, placed in a conspicuous spot and set in a massive oak frame. After the close of the Lodge the brethren entertained their visitors at supper, and the cloth having been removed the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro T. B Whytehead gave "Success to the Eboracum Lodge," coupled with the health of the W.M., who that evening had proved himself such an excellent worker; a toast which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Whytehead then called on the brethren to drink to the silent memory of their late good brother and father of the Lodge, Thomas Cooper, the first anniversary of whose death had just been passed, and took the opportunity of exhorting them to follow the good example he had left them, and to strive to follow in his footsteps. The toast of "the Visitors" was given by the Senior Warden, and "absent friends" were not forgotten. The singing of Bros. Wilkinson and Turner enlivened the proceedings, which were brought to a happy termination at eleven o'clock.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 15th July. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., G. Coop S.W., Andrews P.M. J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., F. Millsom J.D., F. Botley I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; Bros. Mitchell, C. O. Walter, A. Jones, J. Owen, Smith, E. J. Acworth, and E. C. Porter. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bros. Smith and Walter answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture. A discussion respecting the Benevolent Institution connected with this Lodge of Instruction took place, and it was agreed to adjourn the matter until 29th July, the Secretary being instructed to ask Bro. Burr, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, to be present on that evening. Bro. G. Coop was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 29th July.

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O. WOODBURY'S ANTIQUITY OF LAYING CORNER STONES, REVIEWED.*

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

GE CHARLES L. WOODBURY is a scholar of a very high der, and he is without exception the best informed man my Masonic acquaintances; his conversation is always either ining or instructive. I am indebted to him for many valuable nd likewise for the loan of curious books, and I should be rry to lose the friendship of so distinguished a brother. But, eless, I must proceed to point out his errors, let the con- es be what they may. Bro. Woodbury is a lawyer, but his g about the antiquity of speculative Masonry resembles the reasoning of the old fashioned Bible commentators, more t of lawyers. His sophisms are not only apt to mislead but they also mislead himself. And, strange to say, s theological orthodoxy ranges just above zero, his Masonic y is up to white heat; hence he opposed the removal of patron om the ritual, because he believed the St. Johns to have ther Masons. I have combated his notions before, and must in, especially as Bro. *Archaicus*, who was loaded up to the ith "Masonic antiquity," discharged himself so *terrifically* urnal of 26th June. Bro. Archaicus is determined to "pile ony" and to out-woodbury Bro. Woodbury himself.

ot be denied that our Masonry differs entirely from the of the 15th century, but Bro. Woodbury was very obscure h of these kinds of Masonry descended from the Egyptians. Masonic Craft is composed of all classes, from His Royal the Prince of Wales to humble mechanics. Its main object esses to be) to unite the good and true of all religions, es, and races. This kind of Masonry bears no resemblance d of Masonry preceding 1717.

Ah!" exclaim Masonic antiquity-sticklers, "our Society d from an Association of Builders, called Freemasons, of Ages; from them we inherit secrets and mysteries. rs that lived in Egypt 6000 years ago must also have had

The Christian Masons in the Middle Ages opened their h prayer, and believed in the Holy Church. The Egyptian re also pious after a fashion; hence their speculative mewhat modified, descended to the Masons of the fifteenth m whom we receive our mysteries," &c.

g thus proved that we ride a *bonâ fide* Egyptian Masonic Woodbury proposed at the next Masonic banquet a new "To the memory of Bro. Mantu-Hotep and other ancient and Masters," and the brethren doubtless looked very anebody while performing that new Masonic farce.

Bury showed that the ancient Egyptian Architects were provinces, princes, and even kings. Now, as the then and operatives were slaves, the Masonic fraternity, *if ch a fraternity*, must have been composed *exclusively* of governors, sculptors, designers, mathematicians, &c. But aternity of the Middle Ages was composed *exclusively* of whom scarcely one out of a hundred knew a letter of the iests, as Chaplains, were imposed upon mediæval frater- ; but, judging from our Masonic MSS., written by those is evident they were ignorant of chronology, history, the Bible. It is absurd, therefore, to claim affinity Egyptian and Mediæval Masons.

ir object of the *supposed* Egyptian fraternity was he sciences of architecture, &c.; but the whole aim and mediæval associations was merely *bread and butter.*

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A Factotum, as our readers are aware, is a man who can successfully give his attention to most—we hardly dare venture to translate it literally and say all—things. For instance, a man in some business office, who is equal to any and every demand on his resources; who can give safe and sound service on important questions with as great facility as he can keep the office books; who is as orderly in the arrangement of his papers as he is skilful in the dressing of a juicy steak; who is a peripatetic cyclopædia in respect of all information; who can translate Bradshaw into plain English, and knows every clause of the Cab and Hackney Carriage Act; who in his lightest moments will describe, with unusual geniality, the innumerable entertainments which are given in the Metropolis; who, as was said of the late Earl Russell, could, at a moment's notice, take command of the Channel with as great ability as he would deliver a speech or write an essay on the subject of Parliamentary or Municipal Reform—such a one is a perfect genius of a Factotum, and not to be encountered often. But their are inferior Factotums,—men who can do a multitude of little things fairly well, whom we meet with in all circles of society, in all descriptions of business, and, unquestionably, in the ranks of Freemasonry. There is, for instance, the active little brother—Factotums are generally compact and of modest dimensions—who, if called upon suddenly, will play the Tyler, and stand sternly erect at the portals of the Lodge, with a mien and bearing that tell you unmistakably, you have a very Cerberus to pass by before you can gain admission into the sacred precincts of the Masonic temple. The same Brother will preside off-hand as W. Master, and fulfil any office from that of S.W. down to Wine Steward, with less hesitation than when he sits down with an appetite that is not easily to be satisfied to his midday or evening repast. He is to be met with in Lodges of Instruction, where he has come to be looked up to as an authority on Ritual. He will rush you through the Fifteen Sections with lightning speed, so that when he has completed the task, you are just beginning to realise the fact of your being one of an admiring but puzzled audience. He will show you how Preston, Stephen Jones, Peter Gilkes, and the other great lights of Freemasonry, might have made themselves far more famous as lecturers. He will take you through the whole curriculum of Masonic study, from the Egyptian Mysteries to the Architects of the Middle Ages, and Speculative Masonry of modern times. He is posted in all that relates to our Institutions, and makes a capital M.C. at a Summer banquet, when he is prepared to cut a cucumber with even the Grand Master himself, if he honoured the banquet with his Most Worshipful presence. He will write you an article on the antiquity of our Fraternity, or, in a letter to some Masonic journal, describe, with unerring sagacity and a vehemence which nothing can stem, his notion of the newest grievance which afflicts the brethren. This is the Masonic Factotum who is ready at any moment to take upon himself the fulfilment of the most Herculean task, and who, to his credit be it said, does fairly well in all that he sets his hand to. He is an active little body and no fool, and the result is, he enjoys a high degree of popularity, and is well received wherever he goes, and in whatever capacity he figures. But there is another class of Factotum—"The Jack of all Trades and Master of none"—who is not to be placed in the same category. He is a brother who does not hesitate to offer his opinion on even the nicest points of grammar, of Ritual, of ceremonial. He is, in his own opinion, as capable a Chairman or Director of Ceremonies as any one of his contemporaries. He will order a banquet with the air of a *gourmet*, and partakes of it with the greasy unctuousness of a *gourmand*. He is nothing of a scholar, but will entertain you with words,—the *sesquipedalia verba* of Horace are his favourites—the meaning of which is entirely beyond his powers of understanding. In his interference at inopportune times, when the direction is in somebody else's hands, and he thinks it should be in his, he is irrepressible. Knowing no law but his own will, and respecting no authority but that of his own overbearing temper, as may be imagined, he is the reverse of facile in his disposition. There is a presumption in his manner, as there is a grating harshness in his voice and a lack of delicacy about his language. His energy is great, yet it is not the energy of the quiet and earnest worker, but of the boisterous man, who is always overstepping the limits of reason. He has, it is true, some good points about him. He is smart and can accomplish a vast amount of work without straining his powers too much; but he lacks the discretion to keep those good points prominently before the world, so that in time they become partially, if not wholly, obscured by his more objectionable characteristics. He must take the lead, when he should, if he studied himself and others, leave the initiative to some better qualified person. He cannot see that for every task to be carried out symmetrically, by a body of men, not only must harmony prevail among them, but every one must be in his proper place, and occupy himself with that particular function which he is best qualified to undertake. But we are forgetting ourselves. He is a Factotum, and in his own estimation is equally qualified to discharge any one of the offices there are to be distributed.

Let us now give a brief attention to the Teetotums of Freemasonry. As our readers know, a Teetotum is a toy which is spun by children or others on the ground, or on a table. It is a many-sided figure, and on each face is inscribed a letter of the alphabet or a numeral. In a contest among players—supposing it to be used for other than spinning purposes—whoever names the letter or number on the uppermost face of the Teetotum, when it has ceased revolving, is declared the winner. Thus a Teetotum is an implement, which, being an inanimate body, has no volition of its own, but is manipulated by the player who, according to his skill or want of skill, makes it or does not make it revolve so as to secure the success of his particular letter or number. Are there not many Teetotums in the ranks of Freemasonry, brethren who, having no volition of their own, are twirled round and round as often

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as it suits the convenience of those who play with them? There is the vacillating brother, who will be of half-a-dozen minds in the course of one afternoon. There is the weak-kneed brother, who is ready to modify his views at the instance of some one who is more urgent or more imperious. There is the pliable brother, who will always be found to present the requisite face uppermost when he is manipulated with the necessary skill and force. There are the brethren who think it makes no difference whether they vote that white is white, or white is black; who are ranged on this or that side in a discussion, not because they have any predilection for these or those views, but because one more imperious and self-important than themselves has pressed them to adopt this or that, in preference to that or this side; who, without a moment's thought, cast aside all sense of their own dignity, and accept the ruling or interpretation they are bidden to accept. This is certainly not the kind of brother for whom one can feel any kind or degree of respect, and as between the Teetotum thus pictured, and our second type of the Factotum who considers or constitutes himself every body, we are hardly prepared to say which of the two is the most objectionable. It is better, perhaps, to be as it were inanimate, with no volition of one's own; but then there is the alternative—a little energy, though misdirected invariably, is better than no energy at all. We will defer a settlement of the moot point till the weather is cooler.

BRO. WOODBURY'S ANTIQUITY OF LAYING CORNER STONES, REVIEWED.*

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

JUDGE CHARLES L. WOODBURY is a scholar of a very high order, and he is without exception the best informed man among my Masonic acquaintances; his conversation is always either entertaining or instructive. I am indebted to him for many valuable hints, and likewise for the loan of curious books, and I should be very sorry to lose the friendship of so distinguished a brother. But, nevertheless, I must proceed to point out his errors, let the consequences be what they may. Bro. Woodbury is a lawyer, but his reasoning about the antiquity of speculative Masonry resembles the mode of reasoning of the old fashioned Bible commentators, more than that of lawyers. His sophisms are not only apt to mislead others, but they also mislead himself. And, strange to say, while his theological orthodoxy ranges just above zero, his Masonic orthodoxy is up to white heat; hence he opposed the removal of patron saints from the ritual, because he believed the St. Johns to have been brother Masons. I have combated his notions before, and must do so again, especially as Bro. *Archaicus*, who was loaded up to the muzzle with "Masonic antiquity," discharged himself so *terrifically* in this Journal of 26th June. Bro. Archaicus is determined to "pile up the agony" and to out-woodbury Bro. Woodbury himself.

It cannot be denied that our Masonry differs entirely from the Masonry of the 15th century, but Bro. Woodbury was very obscure as to which of these kinds of Masonry descended from the Egyptians. Thus *our* Masonic Craft is composed of all classes, from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to humble mechanics. Its main object is (or professes to be) to unite the good and true of all religions, nationalities, and races. This kind of Masonry bears no resemblance to any kind of Masonry preceding 1717.

But, "Ah!" exclaim Masonic antiquity-sticklers, "our Society was derived from an Association of Builders, called Freemasons, of the Middle Ages; from them we inherit secrets and mysteries. The builders that lived in Egypt 6000 years ago must also have had mysteries. The Christian Masons in the Middle Ages opened their Lodges with prayer, and believed in the Holy Church. The Egyptian Masons were also pious after a fashion; hence their speculative Masonry, somewhat modified, descended to the Masons of the fifteenth century, from whom we receive our mysteries," &c.

And having thus proved that we ride a *bonâ fide* Egyptian Masonic goat, Bro. Woodbury proposed at the next Masonic banquet a new toast, viz., "To the memory of Bro. Mantu-Hotep and other ancient Egyptian Grand Masters," and the brethren doubtless looked very sad and melancholy while performing that new Masonic farce.

Bro. Woodbury showed that the ancient Egyptian Architects were governors of provinces, princes, and even kings. Now, as the then stone-cutters and operatives were slaves, the Masonic fraternity, *if there was such a fraternity*, must have been composed *exclusively* of kings, princes, governors, sculptors, designers, mathematicians, &c. But the Masonic fraternity of the Middle Ages was composed *exclusively* of operatives, of whom scarcely one out of a hundred knew a letter of the *alphabet*. Priests, as Chaplains, were imposed upon mediæval fraternities by law; but, judging from our Masonic MSS., written by those Chaplains, it is evident they were ignorant of chronology, history, and even of the Bible. It is absurd, therefore, to claim affinity between the Egyptian and Mediæval Masons.

Again, the main object of the *supposed* Egyptian fraternity was for studying the sciences of architecture, &c.; but the whole aim and object of the mediæval associations was merely *bread and butter*. The then Masonic organisation was a *Trade Union* organisation, and *wages* was its chief object. This may be seen in their own laws, in the Parliamentary Statutes (which I shall give hereafter), and in the records of the Edinburgh Lodge, as given in Bro. Lyon's History of that Lodge. True, the Chaplain prayed in the Lodge, and the brethren had to believe in the Holy Church. The same thing may now be done in Trade Union Lodges. But surely, no one claims that the present Trade Union mysteries descended from the Masons of the Middle Ages. So, looking upon the question from every point, it seems to me simply absurd to assume any connection between the Egyptian and Mediæval Masons.

Referring to the Masons of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, Bro. W. says:—

"It is generally conceded that men of brains, priests, nobles and kings were attracted to, and admitted within, their Lodges. In no other way than by the aid of such protection and fellowship can you account for the long and successful fight they maintained in England against the statutes prohibiting their annual assemblies and general chapters, their oaths and agreements of initiation. It was only when further violation was made felony, and modifications had enabled masters to avoid the statutes of wages by contracting in gross, or by piece, that local laws appear to have controlled these strong organisations; and tradition makes it probable that this control was rather in enforcing greater secrecy than in actual suppression."

This assumption of Bro. Woodbury, that nobles and kings in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries *hobnobbed* with Masons in Masonic Lodges, is on a par with his notion about the St. Johns having been brother Freemasons. The fact of the matter was simply this. In 1348 the "black plague" killed off half of the labouring population in England. In 1349, owing to the scarcity of labourers, the price of labour rose; and to keep up the higher wages, a combination of carpenters and masons bound themselves by oaths not to work for less than the amount stipulated by themselves. In 1350, therefore, began a series of Parliamentary enactments about labourers and wages. It was then ordained that wages for labour should not be higher than they were in the 20th year of Edward III.'s reign, and fines and penalties were provided for those who should receive higher wages. In 1362 and 1363 penalties were provided for the giver, as well as the receiver, of higher wages than the law allowed. These laws were tinkered again and again without result. But in 1389 Parliament at last discovered that some injustice was done to the labourer by a fixed price of wages, and so here is the new law:—

"But forasmuch as man cannot put the price of corn and other victuals in certain, it is accorded and assented that Justices of the Peace in every county, in two of their sessions to be holden betwixt Easter and St. Michael, shall make proclamation by their direction according to the dearth of victuals, how much every mason, carpenter, tyler, and other craftsman, workman, and other labourers by the day, as well as in the harvest as in other times of the year, after their degree, shall take by the day with meat and drink, between the two sessions before said, and that every man obey such proclamation from time to time as a thing done by statute."

This law was amended in 1406. Instead of the Justices of the Peace making *proclamations*, artizans and labourers had to appear annually before the Justices of the Peace, and each had to swear to abide by the price of labour fixed by the Justices for said county. The amendment reads thus:—

"Once a year, artizans and labourers shall be sworn to serve and take for their service after the said statute."

But even this law did not answer the purpose it was intended for. It must have been found out that the Masons by hook, or by crook, evaded the law; hence in 1425, it was made felony for Masons to hold their meetings in Lodges or chapters. It is evident, however, that the Masonic laws and regulations at that time conformed with the Parliamentary statutes. Thus, the Halliwell poem gives the following laws:—

"The twelfth point is of great royalty,
There as the assembly holden shall be;
There shall be masons and fellows also,
And other great lords many more;
There shall be the sheriff of the county,
And also the mayor of that city.
Knights and squires there shall be,
And other aldermen as you shall see.
Such ordinances as they make there,
They shall maintain it whole together.
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The fifteenth point is full of good lore,
For them that shall be there sworn.
Such ordinance at th' assembly was laid
Of great lords and masters before said,
For every one that be disobedient for certain,
Against the ordinance that there is,
Of these articles that were made there,
Of great lords and masters altogether." *

It is not necessary to quote more. The remainder of that 15th Law refers to the punishment awarded to those who should violate the agreement between the masters and the magistrates. Dr. Oliver thought that the above lines referred to the meetings of Grand Lodges, of which Lords, Squires, Mayors, and Sheriffs were members. I confess that I once thought so too, but an examination of the Statutes dispelled that illusion. I saw at a glance that these meetings of Masons with lords and sheriffs were simply in accordance with the law of 1406. It is evident that the Justices of the Peace of a city or county consulted the masters of each trade as to the wages to be paid to the various classes of workmen for the ensuing

* Bro. Woodbury's address on Corner Stones appeared in the Freemason's Chronicle June 12th and 19th.

* I copy the above lines as translated in the *Masonic Magazine*, Vol. 2.

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brethren throughout the world is, that you and they may know and feel the comfort of a firm reliance on a personal God; that He may be our guide in the darkness, our comfort in sorrow, our sure rock when earth and all its hopes have passed away; and finally that we may meet in the great Lodge above; where, with His Son who died for us, and His Holy Spirit who sanctifieth us, the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore—"The one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and for you all."

The offertory amounted to £6 11s, and this, with the sum of Five Guineas, voted by P. G. Lodge, was presented to the Croydon Hospital.

At the banquet, which was capitally served by the host of the Greyhound Hotel, W. Bro. George Price, Grand Treasurer of the Province, presided in the absence of General Brownrigg, who unfortunately was prevented by indisposition from remaining for the purpose. We have spoken of the banquet as having been "capitally served," but mine host of the Greyhound deserves at our hands something more than the stereotyped expression of praise peculiar to these occasions. It was an excellent, as well as an abundant repast, and was followed by a dessert which merits equal commendation; and, be it remembered by the way, that the entertainment was as modest in price as it was excellent in character—a point to be noted in these days of soup meagre with attenuated make-believes to follow, and no end of decoration to supply the deficiency. The substantial portion of the banquet having been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, the Chairman rose for the purpose of proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and in doing so took the opportunity of remarking, that he had not expected when he first made his appearance that day among them, to have had thrust upon him the honour of presiding at the festive board. He trusted, therefore, the brethren would not be too urgent in their demands on him in his novel capacity. Speaking to the toast, Bro. Price remarked that there were no people more loyal than Freemasons, and that this loyalty was more intensely exhibited in the case of Her Majesty, not only in respect of her many virtues as sovereign and woman, but likewise from the fact of her being the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and was followed by the National Anthem. The health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was next given, Bro. Chairman congratulating those present on their good fortune in having the Prince of Wales to preside over the destinies of the Craft, and expressing a hope that the day was yet far distant when His Royal Highness would cease to occupy that position. After a verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung, the toasts of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, present and past, as well as of the Prov. Grand Master, and his Very Worshipful Deputy, were proposed and honoured. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, responded for the Grand Officers, and expressed the gratification it afforded him, and he was sure he might add, his numerous colleagues, at finding the toast of their health was, on all occasions, so cordially received. He congratulated the Province on its efficiency, and also on the accession to Grand Lodge honours of Bro. Charles Greenwood, its popular and highly-respected Grand Secretary. The agreeable duty of proposing the health of the Chairman, Bro. Price P.G. Treasurer and Acting Prov. G.M., devolved on Brother G. White P.P.G.S.W., who complimented his friend on his position, and with whom, he said, he had been on terms of the closest friendship for nearly half a century. Bro. Price in thanking all present for the cordial reception they had given the toast, expressed his regret at the absence of the Rev. Bro. W. C. Arnold, who had been prevented by an accident from attending that day. To that circumstance was to be attributed his occupancy of the chair, the duties of which, though he admitted it was an honour to be called upon to fulfil them, he would far rather have seen them conducted by the respected D.G.M. of the Province. In passing allusion to his duties as P.G. Treasurer, and before giving the next toast Bro. Price, in remarking on the financial condition of the Province, said he thought it was desirable they should always have in hand at least £100. He then proposed the toast of the

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Public Hall, Sutton, all the arrangements being under the direction of the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master, presided, and was well supported by the Grand Officers, present and past, of the Province and the members of Lodges, as well as by a fairly numerous body of Visitors, among whom were Bros. S. C. Perkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, &c. &c. After the usual preliminaries had been observed, the roll of the Lodges in the Province was called over, and the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was presented for approval. This, as showing a balance in the hands of P.G. Treasurer, amounting to £133 11s 2d, must be described as of a most satisfactory nature, and was accepted amid general acclamation. It next devolved on P.G. Lodge to elect its Treasurer for the year, and this resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. George Price to re-occupy that honourable position, which he had filled with so much credit to himself, and so great advantage to the Province, for the last quarter of a century. The following brethren were then appointed to offices for the ensuing year, namely:—

Bros. V.W. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, P.M. 1395 -	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
Samuel G. Kirchoffer 1714 - -	Prov. Grand S. Warden
George K. Paxon 416 - - -	„ J. Warden
Rev. F. Foakes-Jackson, M.A., 1616	„ Chaplain
Charles Greenwood jun. 410 -	„ Registrar
Charles Greenwood 410 - -	„ Secretary
Francis Buckland 889 - - -	„ S. Deacon
E. D. Frost 1347 - - -	„ J. Deacon
W. J. Sugg 452 - - - -	„ S. of Works
H. E. Frances 1556 - - -	„ D. of C.
P. S. J. Officer 1362 - - -	„ A.G.D. of C.
G. C. Burry 1347 - - -	„ Organist
J. S. Lavies 1826 - - -	„ Sword Bearer
H. W. Linton 1638 - - -	„ Pursuivant

and Bros. F. G. Frost 463, Thomas L. Locke 1347, Charles T. Tyler 1895, S. W. Lambert 1556, W. Weller 1564, and Thomas Vincent 1851 Prov. Grand Stewards.

General Brownrigg having, with his wonted terseness and perspicuity, reviewed the principal events of the past year, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with the customary formalities. We must not forget to mention that the following sums were voted out of the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge, namely:—To the Croydon Hospital, five guineas; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, ten guineas; to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, ten guineas; and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, ten guineas.

The brethren then attended Divine Service in the Parish Church, and the manner in which it was conducted was—if we may be permitted to say so—a rare treat such as we have seldom been privileged to enjoy. The musical portion was under the direction of Bro. G. C. Burry, Organist of Beddington, and Grand Organist of the Province for the current year. The hymns and anthem—the latter consisting of certain verses from the 104th Psalm set to music by Bro. Burry himself—were sung most admirably by a full choir of well-trained voices. The portions of Scripture selected for the service of the day were most appropriate to the occasion, and the sermon, by the Rev. F. Foakes-Jackson, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Provincial G. Chaplain, was so strictly in keeping with the circumstances, and so simply eloquent in its language—as well as so impressive by reason of the manner in which it was delivered—that we reproduce it here at length for the benefit of our readers. The text was from St Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians iv. 6,—"One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all,"—and on this our Rev. Brother discoursed as follows:—

Perhaps the grandest feature of Freemasonry is the union of that truly Catholic spirit, in which it includes all mankind, without having regard to race, rank, or religious belief, with the confidence with which it declares an unshaken faith in one God. Although professedly simply a system of morality, it proclaims a morality based on the surest foundations, the existence of a personal God, to whom every man individually is responsible for his actions. This confession is the great bond by which our vast Brotherhood is held together; we admit the natural equality of all men because all are alike under one Providential rule; we acknowledge the great principle of Universal Brotherhood, because we are all created by the hand of the same God, whose offspring we are, who is, as our text declares, the "one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." It is on this one God that all unity depends; He is its source, He is also its consummation. The confession of a belief in the one Almighty Father, "in whom we live, and move, and have our being," is the keystone of our vast Masonic system. There can be no truly united Brotherhood, no association founded on the principles of Fraternity and Truth without an undoubting acknowledgment of, and a sure trust in, the great Father of all, who is, and from whom proceeds, all unity, truth, and love. Let us, to-day, consider the personality of God and the direct intercourse between Him and us His creatures. The prevailing tendency of the age in which we are living is to deny this, and by refusing to acknowledge the truth of any revelation of the Divine Will or its attributes, to fall into a state of religious indifference, and disregard of God. But this view of the Divine nature is practically Atheism, veiled under some more specious name. For a denial of the direct influence of the Providence of God upon the affairs of this world, a refusal to acknowledge the efficacy of prayers made to Him by His creatures, an assertion that Nature is in herself the Divine, and influenced in no way by the Supreme, Will in her appointed course—What are these but denials of those attributes which prove the existence of a God, the Ruler of the Universe? If we examine the broad outlines of the various schools of thought which deny the revelation of God to man, as unfolded by the Volume of the Sacred Law, we shall, I venture to assert, discover that they approximate, perhaps more closely than their followers imagine, to the declaration of the impious man mentioned by the Psalmist: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Let us take the finest conception of an unrevealed God—Pantheism. God is said to pervade all Nature; in everything there is a divine element working. Nature herself is a great goddess; her laws are fixed and determined, and she carries on the government of the universe on the grandest and most comprehensive principles. A beautiful idea! a grand conception! We cannot refuse to admit its partial truth. When we are alone in the country, and survey the mighty works of the Creator, we cannot fail to recognise the divine element of life working in all creation, from man, the lord of all the world, to the tiniest insect and the most insignificant of plants. We must acknowledge, too, that there are wonderful laws by which the universe is governed; the sun, the moon, the stars, the tides, all obey what appears to be the fixed and unchangeable law of destiny. But if we acknowlege God only as far as he is manifested in Nature, or rather if our only conception of Him is as a principle which pervades the whole universe, we surely are embracing a hard and hopeless creed. We are to imagine ourselves to be subjected to natural laws, which we can never influence, and from whose rule we can never escape. If sickness assails us, or those dear to us, there is no helper to whom we can go; the law of destiny must be fulfilled, Nature must take her course; the vicissitudes of life, the troubles by which we are sometimes brought down to the earth crushed and wounded, the cares of this world, the difficulties which assail us during our present life, are all the results of certain natural laws; these troubles have been brought about by the folly of ourselves and others, and there is no course but to submit. Surely this is a dreadful condition in which the denial of a personal God places us—to be without trust in any power higher than our own, to have none to whom we may go for consolation and help, no assurance of the tenderness of an Almighty Father, no hope, no prayer, no love. True Nature is a sublime Theophany, a manifestation of the power and wisdom of God. True, God is through all things as well as all men (as St. Paul says). He is the all-pervading principle of life in the universe, in whom we live and move and have our being. As a great Christian philosopher says, "There is a light in the heavenly bodies which is a ray of the unseen light; but let us never forget that God is ABOVE all as well as through all, that He reigns in heaven, and directs us on earth, watches over us, helps our infirmities, pities us as a father pities his own children—"One God, the Father of all, who is above all, and in all, and for you all." Again, there are those who, denying the existence of a personal God, assert that in man alone is the divine element manifested. But wonderful as the works of man's intelligence are, marvellously as he has acquired the mastery over Nature, especially during the last three centuries, can we seriously say that in human nature alone—with all its crime, all its weakness, all its errors—the principles of divinity exist? Can we say, "Man is the master of all things," when we are the slaves of our passions, held in bondage by the world around us, uncertain of the future for a single hour? Are we not forced to admit there must be something that influences our actions, something divine, not of ourselves, that is urging us to yearn for nobler things than those around us; in fact, a God who is above all? The spirit of God is in the heart of man. God hath breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life; specially to those who acknowledge his Son Jesus Christ has he imparted His spirit, the spirit which has prompted men to do their noblest actions, which has sent them to minister to the sorrows of others without hope of reward; which has made them share their blessings with those who had them not, which has been the cause of those noble utterances of men which have influenced the actions of remote posperity. All these are manifestations of the divine element in mankind, but it is an element not arising naturally in the heart of man, but implanted in it by "God the Father of all, who is above all, and for all, and in you all." I have spoken on this most difficult of subjects—the personal influence of God our Father—because I am fully persuaded that the welfare of Freemasonry depends on our Order adhering to the acknowledgment of its trust in His almighty protection. Ours is a system of morality, with the highest possible standard, to act in obedience to the will of God. Depend upon it, when men begin to deny Him, they will not continue to maintain a fixed standard of morality; the standard will vary according to the peculiar exigencies of the social system—I fear much, according to the imperative demands of the passions of men. But let our trust be in God our Father, who not only presents to us the full perfection of the moral law, but will give us strength in this world, and bring us to the standard of the perfect man in the world beyond the grave. Brethren, if there be any here who are tempted to abandon their faith in God our Father, let them consider well how many motives for leading a good and useful and unselfish life they are leaving behind; let them not be lured away by the really moral lives of some who have left us, and wandered from the light they once possessed. Of these we can only say, "If their lives are blameless in the world's eyes, how far grander would they have been had they been animated by the noblest of all incentives to virtue—the love of God?" And let any waverer ask himself if he is one of those described by Jesus Christ, and who, when the light came into the world, "loved darkness more than light, *because their deeds were evil*." God is our Father, and if we wish to do right, He will guide us and help us, and place in our hearts the greatest inducement to do good and noble actions, the love of His name. All the best work is done by those who work for His honour, and who are animated with zeal and love of His name. Throughout the length and breadth of England, we, Masons may look upon the handiwork of our former brethren; the cathedrals and churches, which are the glory of our native country. I believe I may safely say that the work was executed with a care

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and accuracy, and designed with a perfection of taste not to be equalled in our days. What was the reason? How was it that much work done in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries is more beautiful and more durable than any work of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, with all their boasted advance in civilisation? For this great reason, that men looked more to the living personal God, and loved Him more, and prayed to Him more, as they toil d for the honour of His name. And now, brethren, let me remind you that if we would know God and learn to love Him, there is one way and one teacher who will bring us to the knowledge of Him,—our Lord Jesus Christ. One of His purposes in coming to this world of ours was to prove to mankind the greatness of the love of God, and to bring them back to Him. His dispensation is far above the teaching of any moral system, for He points to God directly. He makes man look far beyond mere codes of morality, for He bids us contemplate the glorious liberty of the children of God, which is freedom from sorrow, sin, and death—the great enemies of our fallen race. It is to Him you must look if you would know and love God. And, my brothers, let me ask you to lead any brother whom you may perchance find in the troubles, to which doubt and weakness of faith so often bring us, by reminding Him of the Fatherhood and love of God towards us, His children. You would aid him in things temporal, lend a helping hand in things spiritual, and bid him go to the rich storehouse of our Master Christ for help and guidance. I know Masonry does not profess any further religious belief than the acknowledgment of God's existence; but you, my brethren, who are here present, have duties as Christians, as well as Masons, and perhaps by your words of advice, or by that which is worth all the words which can be spoken, the gentleness, courtesy, and purity of your lives, you may induce those brethren who are seeking for God, and knowing Him not, to lay aside all pride, and humbly and reverently to seek and know Him through Jesus Christ the suffering Saviour of mankind. Brethren, my task is done; before we part let me say, that my earnest prayer for you, and for all our brethren throughout the world is, that you and they may know and feel the comfort of a firm reliance on a personal God; that He may be our guide in the darkness, our comfort in sorrow, our sure rock when earth and all its hopes have passed away; and finally that we may meet in the great Lodge above; where, with His Son who died for us, and His Holy Spirit who sanctifieth us, the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore—"The one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and for you all."

The offertory amounted to £6 11s, and this, with the sum of Five Guineas, voted by P. G. Lodge, was presented to the Croydon Hospital.

At the banquet, which was capitally served by the host of the Greyhound Hotel, W. Bro. George Price, Grand Treasurer of the Province, presided in the absence of General Brownrigg, who unfortunately was prevented by indisposition from remaining for the purpose. We have spoken of the banquet as having been "capitally served," but mine host of the Greyhound deserves at our hands something more than the stereotyped expression of praise peculiar to these occasions. It was an excellent, as well as an abundant repast, and was followed by a dessert which merits equal commendation; and, be it remembered by the way, that the entertainment was as modest in price as it was excellent in character—a point to be noted in these days of soup meagre with attenuated make-believes to follow, and no end of decoration to supply the deficiency. The substantial portion of the banquet having been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, the Chairman rose for the purpose of proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and in doing so took the opportunity of remarking, that he had not expected when he first made his appearance that day among them, to have had thrust upon him the honour of presiding at the festive board. He trusted, therefore, the brethren would not be too urgent in their demands on him in his novel capacity. Speaking to the toast, Bro. Price remarked that there were no people more loyal than Freemasons, and that this loyalty was more intensely exhibited in the case of Her Majesty, not only in respect of her many virtues as sovereign and woman, but likewise from the fact of her being the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and was followed by the National Anthem. The health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was next given, Bro. Chairman congratulating those present on their good fortune in having the Prince of Wales to preside over the destinies of the Craft, and expressing a hope that the day was yet far distant when His Royal Highness would cease to occupy that position. After a verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung, the toasts of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, present and past, as well as of the Prov. Grand Master, and his Very Worshipful Deputy, were proposed and honoured. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, responded for the Grand Officers, and expressed the gratification it afforded him, and he was sure he might add, his numerous colleagues, at finding the toast of their health was, on all occasions, so cordially received. He congratulated the Province on its efficiency, and also on the accession to Grand Lodge honours of Bro. Charles Greenwood, its popular and highly-respected Grand Secretary. The agreeable duty of proposing the health of the Chairman, Bro. Price P.G. Treasurer and Acting Prov. G.M., devolved on Brother G. White P.P.G.S.W., who complimented his friend on his position, and with whom, he said, he had been on terms of the closest friendship for nearly half a century. Bro. Price in thanking all present for the cordial reception they had given the toast, expressed his regret at the absence of the Rev. Bro. W. C. Arnold, who had been prevented by an accident from attending that day. To that circumstance was to be attributed his occupancy of the chair, the duties of which, though he admitted it was an honour to be called upon to fulfil them, he would far rather have seen them conducted by the respected D.G.M. of the Province. In passing allusion to his duties as P.G. Treasurer, and before giving the next toast Bro. Price, in remarking on the financial condition of the Province, said he thought it was desirable they should always have in hand at least £100. He then proposed the toast of the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Greenwood, and that worthy brother in acknowledging the compliment said he had had the honour of being their P.G. Secretary for many years. When he was first appointed there were but four Lodges in the Province, and such was the laxity of its government that some of the members of Lodges were six years in arrear of their subscriptions. Now they could boast of twenty-one Lodges, and, as had been pointed out from the chair, they could always reckon on having a substantial sum to the credit of Prov. Grand Lodge. As to the arduous duties of his office, it was clear enough to him that Masonic services did not kill people. For himself, he felt as well as ever, while his friends of quite a quarter of a century, Bro. Price and Bro. White, did not give one the idea that hard work had an injurious effect on one's system. As to the Province, it was a subject of congratulation to him and to the brethren of its different Lodges that three of their members—Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Grand Senior Warden, Magnus Ohren, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and Charles Greenwood Grand Sword Bearer—were among the Grand Officers for the present year. In due course came the toast of the Visitors, with which was associated the name of a distinguished American Freemason—that of Bro. S. C. Perkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who, in response, observed that if he were to say he felt he was a visitor, he should be uttering what his heart did not dictate. He was a brother among brethren, having ever since his arrival in this country experienced the most cordial and courteous treatment. They in America were very proud of their descent from the Grand Lodge of England. They made a point of following and adhering to the old Landmarks which had existed since the old Grand Lodge of all England met at York. Brethren would find, if they visited America, that the working in the Grand Lodges of the United States was the same, and he would take upon himself to say they would meet with the same brotherly greeting which had been bestowed upon him. He remarked of the sermon they had heard at the church that day that, though he was not of the same creed as the preacher, whom he complimented very highly; he was nevertheless able to appreciate his doctrine. He was glad the Grand Lodge of England had so manfully denounced the action of the Grand Orient of France for having abandoned its profession of faith in the existence of God, for it was that belief which, in his opinion, lay at the foundation of Freemasonry. Though he might differ with Bro. P.G. Chaplain, he nevertheless felt he could not do otherwise than honour him, and he could certainly unite with him in his fundamental ideas of belief in Christ. The two Books that must be the guide of all Freemasons were the Bible and the Book of Constitutions. Having apologised for the length of his remarks, Bro. Perkins remarked that when they heard in America of the resignation of the Grand Mastership by the Marquis of Ripon and the acceptance of the vacant office by the Prince of Wales, they looked upon such acceptance as being of a formal character. They were greatly surprised, and the better pleased, when they found how deep was the interest which His Royal Highness took in the work of Freemasonry. Bro. Perkins having brought his speech to a conclusion, with the reiterated expression of his thanks to all present for the honour they had paid him, the Chairman gave the toast of the Press, and in doing so laid stress on the importance of the mission its representatives had ever before them. Bros. W. Lake and W. W. Morgan responded, the former leading the way, after some hesitation and the expression of a wish that Bro. Morgan should precede him. Bro. Morgan in his reply admitted the importance of the mission which the Press had to fulfil, yet he disagreed with Bro. Lake as to the compliment paid them as its representatives being of so unusual a character. He had been a frequent visitor in the Province, and on all occasions had experienced a most hearty welcome, not in his simple capacity as a Brother, but as the representative of one of the recognised and official organs of the English Craft. But though he always found himself a most welcome guest at the Lodges he visited, he was, he added, none the less grateful to the brethren for their kindness on that occasion. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which from first to last were of a most cordial and encouraging character. In the intervals between the toasts Bros. Volney Keen and B. Shakespeare sang, to the satisfaction of all present, some well-known and highly popular songs.

Amongst those who signed the attendance book were Bros. S. C. Perkins P.G.M. G.L. Pennsylvania, Dr. G. B. Brodie Prov. G.S.W., James Amos Prov. Grand Chaplain, George Price Prov. Grand Treasurer, Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary, H. T. Taylor Prov. G.S.D., H. Browse Prov. G.J.D., G. Yaxley Prov. G.S. of Works. S. J. Longman Prov. G.D.C., F. Buckland Prov. Assist. G.D.C., J. Officer Prov. G. Steward, W. H. Saunders P.M. 889 Prov. G. Steward, C. T. Speight Prov. G. Tyler; C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W., R. Elsam P.P.G.D.C., M. J. Smith P.P.G.J.W., Magnus Ohren P.P.G.J.W., James Squire P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Long G.D.C., R. W. Price P.G.S.W., G. F. Ormsby P.P.G.S.W., J. J. Dunton 1329, G. White P.P.G.S.W., Ambrose Hall P.P.G.C., J. J. Brinton 1329, R. H. Groombridge P.M. 1317, H. W. Linton W.M. 1638, C. Oldridge J.W. 1638, C. T. Tyler W.M. 1395, Thomas Vincent W.M. 1861, F. A. Manning S.W. 1861 452, W. E. Potter 410, J. J. Slade 1347, E. Baber P.P.G.J.D., Woodward P.P.G.P., Thomas Wood P.P.G.J.W., J. Hamer Owens P.P.G.J.D., Thomas Hales 1317, H. Potter S.W. 1347, W. R. Church J.D. 1347, G. C. Barry 1347, G. Leaver 548, E. J. Lowther 1347, R. Jennings I.P.M. 907, Thomas Locke I.G. 1147, J. Steele 452, E. W. Ross W.M. 1347, J. Rush S.D. 1851, W. G. Batchelor 452, Thomas Bartlett 1317, Herbert Potter 1347, H. Sibley 201, George Elcock J.W. 1149, Charles Pawley P.M. 452, R. B. Davis P.M. 256, A. E. Taylor W.M. 1851, C. Gale 1347, W. J. Sugg 452, G. H. Stanton 33, E. Hawkins 1149, J. Webster P.M. 153, W. C. Beaumont W.M. 1826, G. Benson, W. Lake P.M. 131, H. C. L. Bennett S.W. 370, T. F. Jackson Chaplain 1616, S. W. Lambert W.M. 1556, W. Weller W.M. 1564, H. W. Turner 1347, H. G. Colvill P.M. 330, F. K. Paxon P.M. 416, J. W. Ashham S.W. 1564, J. Lavies P.M. 1826, A. H. Titwell J.W. 1826, C. Greenwood J.W. 410, S. W. Stephens 410, R. G. Howson I.G. 1564,

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Joseph Ball 1564, R. H. Rogers 463, F. G. Frost S.D. 463, W. Wilson 452, C. Sawyer P.M. 1619, B. H. Ridge 1347, Robert Watson 9, F. Chiffereil S.W. 9, W. W. Morgan 211.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTS.

THE annual meeting of this P.G. Lodge was held at the Red Lion, Hatfield, on Friday last, under the banner of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580. R. Wor. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. presided, and among those who supported their chief were his Deputy, Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, and, among others, Bros. W. H. Rowe P.G.S.W., T. S. Carter P.G.J.W., Rev. W. Caseley P.G. Chaplain, F. H. Knyvett P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Dawson P.G. Secretary, W. C. Maddever P.G.S.D., J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. P.G.D. Cer., J. C. Mather P. Assist. G.D.C., J. Purrott P.G.S.B., W. Bausor P.G.P., Rev. George Finch P.M. 404, R. Shillitoe P.M. 449, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580, Rev. C. E. Mayo P.G.C., J. G. Yolland 1385, R. Fisher Young P.M. 1385, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, H. J. Amphlett 1511, R. H. Halford W.M. 1580, W. Marks W.M. 1479, Samuel Jacobs W.M. 1327, Joseph Gaskell P.M. 1327, Samuel Jacobs W.M. 1327, A. Eade 1580, J. S. W. Webb 1580, T. Raymond Dare 1580, C. W. Reynolds 1479, R. C. Read 1580, W. J. Thody 1580, G. F. Cook P.M. 1580, E. Crutchlor 1385, Thomas Perry W.M. 869, W. Webb 1580, J. Stock 1580, W. G. Jennings 1580, J. T. Rowe W.M. 504, R. H. Clarke 403, Robert Pigg 449, George Kenning W.M. 1657, Charles K. Killick 1693, F. G. Faithfull 1615 and 1820, G. H. Stephens 1623, W. Lake P.M. 131 P.P.G.R. Cornwall. The minutes of the meeting of the last Prov. G. Lodge, at Berkhampstead, having been read and confirmed, and the roll of Lodges having been called over, Bro. Knyvett was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and suitably thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him. The following brethren were then invested as P.G. Officers for the ensuing year, namely :—

Bro. Edgar Bowyer	Prov. Grand	S. Warden
R. Shillitoe	„	J. Warden
Rev. W. H. W. Caseley	„	Chaplain
Rev. George Finch	„	„
F. S. Knyvett	„	Treasurer
E. S. Foord	„	Registrar
J. E. Dawson	„	Secretary
R. H. Halford	„	S. Deacon
W. Warrener	„	J. Deacon
Henry Cox	„	S. of Works
James Terry P.P.G.J.W.	„	Dir. of Cer.
Thomas Perry	„	A.D. of Cer.
Charles Gray	„	Sword Bearer
J. Raymond Daw	„	Organist
Samuel Jacobs	„	Pursuivant
Reynolds	„	Assist. Pur.
Bros. E. J. Gibbs, J. Stock, W. F. Thody, W. H. Norris, and Pigg	„	Stewards
J. Thomas and J. Wright	„	Tylers

Prior to the investiture of the P.G. Sword-Bearer, a very handsome and weighty sword was presented to P.G. Lodge by Bro. Terry, a Past G.J. Warden and Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Province, and the very complimentary remarks of the P.G. Master in conveying to that indefatigable and earnest brother the thanks of Grand Lodge were enthusiastically endorsed by all present. P.G. Lodge was then called off, and the brethren attended, but without their Masonic clothing, divine service, when a very eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley P.G. Chap. P.G. Lodge then resumed, when the Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved, there being a very handsome balance to the credit of P.G. Lodge. The following sums were then voted, namely, twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. J. E. Dawson, Prov. Grand Secretary, as Steward at the Festival to be held in aid of the Funds of that Institution in February 1881; £10 to the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, towards its expenses in entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge; £10 to the Hatfield National Schools; and ten guineas to the Hertfordshire Seaside Convalescent Home at St. Leonards-on-Sea. It was also, on the motion of Bro. Dawson, resolved to continue the publication of the Prov. Grand L. Calendar. The banquet was held in the National School Room, which had been specially and most tastefully decorated for the occasion. R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey presided. The usual toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, were duly honoured, Bros. F. Binckes and Knyvett acknowledging the last. On the Deputy Prov. G.M. devolved the agreeable task of proposing the health of the Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Halsey warmly thanked all present for the hearty reception accorded to the toast, promising that as far as lay in his power, he would uphold the credit of the Province, of which, though it could not hope to vie with the Lancashire and Yorkshire Provinces, he had every reason to be proud. The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, acknowledged the toast of his health, while Bro. P.G. Secretary Dawson returned thanks for that of the Prov. Grand Officers. Bros. Kenning W.M. 1657, and Faithfull, of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, responded for the Visitors, and Bro. Jacobs, W.M. of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, for the W.M.'s of Lodges. With the toast of "The Masonic Charities" were associated the names of Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, both of whom replied most eloquently, the former congratulating the Province on its very handsome contribution of over £300 to the recent Boys' Festival, while the latter suggested that, if the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Halsey would take upon himself to preside at a Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he (Bro. Terry) felt sure the Province would support him as one man, so great was the respect entertained for him throughout the Province. He also was pleased to make some highly complimentary remarks respecting ourselves, pointing out that while the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE had commented favourably on the admirable exertions made by "Little Herts" at the Festivals of our Institutions, and the considerable sums which it had raised in spite of the comparative paucity of its Lodges, its elder contemporary, in its analyses of the Subscriptions, had habitually passed the Provinces over with the silence of—indifference. The health of the W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, Bro. R. H. Halford P.G.S.D., having been given, and most gracefully acknowledged, the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Intsitution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair. There were also present Bros. Col. James Peters, Robert B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, C. H. Webb, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, H. Massey, E. Letchworth, S. G. Foxall, J. A. Rucker, Arthur E. Gladwell, R. Spooner, G. Faulkner, and F. B. W. Hedges Secretary. One candidate was placed on the list for election in October; the salary of the Drawing Mistress was raised from £30 to £40 per annum, and £20 was granted to apprentice one of the ex-pupils of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

We learn from a circular emanating from the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, that Bro. P.M. George King, the Preceptor of that and other Lodges of Instruction in the Metropolis, is about to resign his office, so far as 1360 is concerned, after having discharged the duties thereof in a most efficient manner, and to the great Masonic edification of his pupils, for a period of sixteen years. This the committee consider is plainly manifest in the present flourishing condition of the Lodge. With a view of showing their appreciation in which Bro. King is held, the members have formed a committee to take the necessary steps for the presentation of a purse of money as a testimonial of the high esteem and affection in which Bro. King is held by those who have received instruction from him, and for this purpose contributions—which may be sent to Bro. A. Withers, Hon. Secretary of the Lodge, Holly Lodge, New Wandsworth—are invited. There are doubtless many of our readers who are acquainted with Bro. King, and who will be pleased to avail themselves of this opportunity of testifying their appreciation of a brother who has worked, in various districts, to the best of his ability, to instruct the younger brethren in the ceremonies and observances of the Order, and we hope that the result will prove a fair recompense for the trouble our brother has taken. We have before referred to the arduous duties appertaining to the office of Preceptor, entailing, as they do, a regular attendance, often at great inconvenience, and a most particular attention to the work during the whole time the Lodge is open. Due notice will be given of the night appointed for the presentation.

RAILWAY TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

WE are just now entering upon the busiest part of the holiday season, and it is gratifying to know that the Directorates of our various Railway Companies have shown themselves even more considerate than in former years for the comfort and convenience of the public. We have before us the programmes issued by the Great Eastern and London and North Western lines, and from a cursory glance at their respective tables it will be found that nothing has been left undone in order to give travellers the greatest possible latitude as to the times for which tickets will be available, and the frequency with which a journey may be broken. Thus, on Sundays and Mondays, Bank Holiday being excepted, cheap excursion trains leave Liverpool-street Station in the early morning for Walton-on-the-Naze, Dovercourt, and Harwich, returning the same evening. The ordinary Saturday to Monday tickets to all sea-side resorts on this line are issued every Saturday in London, and certain Provincial centres, the time for which they are available being extended to the Wednesday following inclusive. Fortnightly tickets are issued to the same watering places from London, the Provincial cities, and towns on the line. The return journey must be made within fifteen days, day of issue and day of return being both inclusive. Another class of tickets issued to the same places are available for two calendar months, and may be extended at an additional charge of ten per cent. on the original price of the tickets for the first fortnight, and a further five per cent. for each subsequent week or portion of a week, while where two members of a family have taken these two-monthly tickets, a third member will be allowed to have his ticket at a reduced charge. Tourist tickets to the Eastern Coast from various stations on the London and North Western, Midland, North Eastern, Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, Great Northern and Great Western lines are issued and available for return up to 31st December 1880 without extra charge; but those issued by other lines are available for two months, though they may be extended on payment of 10 per cent. of the original cost for the first fortnight, and 5 per cent. for every subsequent week or portion of a week. Other tickets to sea-side and to towns on the line are issued at very reduced prices in the several classes, while excursion trains are frequent and reasonable to Epping Forest, Chingford, Broxbourne and the Rye House, &c., &c. We recommend our readers who think of visiting the Eastern district of England to avail themselves of the unusual facilities offered by the Great Eastern Railway Company.

The London and North Western are as ready to meet the wants of

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new brethren take such an interest in the Order, and who had, in a most substantial manner, showed that the great Masonic emblem of charity had not been forgotten; he hoped that his successor would have the same amount of courtesy shown him, and have equally as successful a year, both in finance and "Peace and Harmony." The different Officers having suitably replied, the W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, also Bro. Defries for his services at the harmonium during the year, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

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The Banquet will take place at 3·30 p.m. precisely, at the Foresters' Hall. The Tickets will be 5s each, exclusive of Wine.

In order to ensure the comfort of every one who attends, the W.M.'s of Lodges are earnestly requested to send (addressed to the P.G. Sec., Southampton) the names of all who propose to join the Banquet, not later than Saturday morning, the 31st July.

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By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,

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The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at half-past 2 o'clock. The Treasurer's Accounts will be audited at half-past 1 o'clock.

The appropriation of the balance remaining in the hands of the Installation Committee will be taken into consideration.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.,

THOS. J. RALLING,
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Colchester, 20th July 1880.

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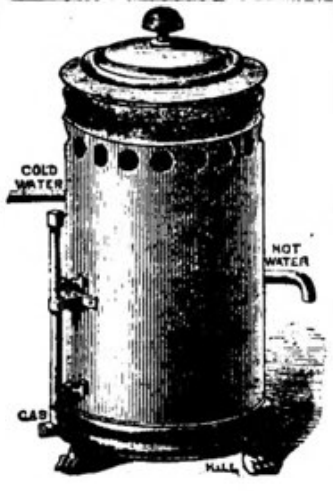
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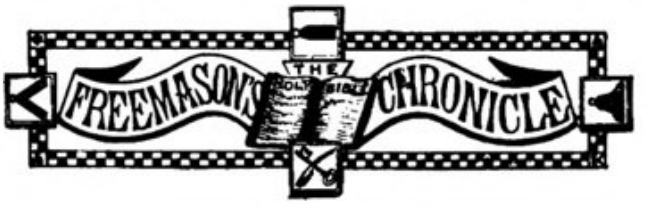
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SOUTH AFRICA.

Athole Lodge, No. 591 (S.C.)—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th May, at Kimberley, South African Diamond Fields. Present:—Bros. J. Hackney W.M., A. A. Stanton S.W., A. Reid J.W., J. Lawrance Treasurer, J. Hampton Secretary, E. Wells Steward, W. J. Heald I.G. Past Master Bro. J. Hampton. Members—J. Ferguson Stuart, J. H. Hartley, R. Goodman, S. Wilson. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Toms, Henry Opie, C. M. Davis, W. Smith, W. R. Bynath, J. H. Peggs P.M. 1409, Thomas J. Ball P.M., S. H. George, S. Neels 1574, Spirling 853, D. W. Defries 1409, H. J. Kennet 1409, J. C. Lucas, A. N. Turner 1409, H. Hartog W.M. Peace and Harmony Lodge, with D. J. de Vos, J. W. Sombeek, C. Roberts D.M., E. Isaacs, B. Klisser, A. Yockmonitz and J. W. Green; H. J. W. Raphael 1233, E. Harris 1602, J. Trembost 1398, J. Willis 1409. Lodge opened in the first degree, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The members of Lodges Peace and Harmony, Richard Giddy, and Cosmopolitan were then received in usual Masonic form, and the Lodge opened in second degree, when Bro. E. J. Bishop answered the necessary questions previous to raising. The Lodge was then passed to third degree, and Bro. Bishop raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony being performed in the W.M.'s usual effective manner. The W.M. thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, to which the different members suitably replied, and the brethren separated, in peace and harmony.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd June, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields, South Africa. Bros. Henry Hartog W.M., D. van Ulsen S.W., J. Sombeek J.W., C. Roberts D.M., B. Klisser Hon. Sec., D. Avis Almoner, E. Isaacs I.G., J. Green Tyler; Bros. A. Yockmonitz, H. M. Campbell, B. Hartog, W. Knipers, H. W. Hull, C. Arburrow. Visitors—Bros. E. Woolley Adelphi, E. Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton. Lodge opened in first degree. The W.M. said it was customary in this Lodge, at the end of the year, to make the Tyler a present; he said the Tyler was always attentive to his duties, and he had great pleasure in proposing that the sum of £10 be presented to him. The Tyler thanked the W.M. and brethren for their liberality. The W.M. next said that Bro. E. Harris being the only representative of the Masonic Press in South Africa, he would, with the consent of the brethren, send him an invitation to the banquet on St. John's Day. He directed the Secretary to send the invitation. The W.M. then said, this being my last night in office, I think it right to give you a *résumé* of my doings. I hope the brethren will believe that during my term I have tried to do my best for the Lodge, and if I have at all failed, to take the will for the deed. I can say that I have had a most successful year, for which I have to thank the brethren who always attended, and at all times were willing to render me assistance. I have initiated thirteen, passed fifteen, and raised sixteen, also affiliated two, viz., Bros. Partridge and Arburrow. During the year, Bro. P.M. Richter was appointed by me to be our representative at a Congress where the basis of an educational establishment was to be decided. Bro. Richter attended, and told us the result, which as yet is in *statu quo*. Still, he believed that it was the wish

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of the Lodge that the ensuing year should not pass without some effort being made to establish a Masonic Institution which would reflect credit on the Craft in general and all brethren. It was easy to judge of the interest the brethren took in the Craft from the handsome donations from visiting and joining members; Bro. Van Ulsen had presented them with £9 18s, and Bro. Brown with £5. Bro. Brown being in England, had been elected an honorary member. Bro. Yockmonitz also on his raising had presented the Lodge with £5. Altogether, brethren, I must say that I have had a most successful year of office, and that the attendance of Officers and members has been good. I should have been more pleased if I had had the assistance of the P.M.'s, who somehow have been rather lax in their attendance. This I regret particularly, as I consider their presence would have been an example to the younger members: yet we have the satisfaction of knowing that the work has been well carried out, and if my health permits me, I hope to be a regular attendant during next year. On the 24th June last, when I took office, there was a deficit, but now I am glad to say that we have a balance of £200, notwithstanding sums expended on repairs, &c. The poor fund is in a flourishing state, having a balance of £90, exclusive of £20 due to us from the R.C. We have assisted two brethren, also two widows of brethren. I have only now to thank our Bro. D.Master for his good attendance, and for the readiness of his services, and am certain that his D.M. will be equally as attentive. The W.M. then spoke in high terms of his Officers, particularly of Bro. Van Ulsen, and said that his remarks applied likewise to Bro. J. Sombeek, who was equally as painstaking an officer, and always did his best to further the interests of the Lodge. He could not express what he owed to Bro. Klisser, Hon. Secretary, for his services to the Lodge and Craft in general, he had been the principal means of keeping the Lodge together, and had undoubtedly deserved the thanks of the Lodge, and the promotion he has so well earned. He also eulogized Bro. King for his assistance and attention, and congratulated him on his promotion to J.W. In conclusion, he thanked all the members for their regular attendance, and remarked that it was a pleasure to a Master to see initiates and new brethren take such an interest in the Order, and who had, in a most substantial manner, showed that the great Masonic emblem of charity had not been forgotten; he hoped that his successor would have the same amount of courtesy shown him, and have equally as successful a year, both in finance and "Peace and Harmony." The different Officers having suitably replied, the W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, also Bro. Defries for his services at the harmonium during the year, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

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Conolly I.P.M., R. J. Scholtz S.W., C. Blackbeard J.W., R. Blackbeard, of Charles Warren Lodge; Bros. A. Saber, G. Saber, J. Foote, M. Weil, E. Harris, P. Ardendoelf, M. Roux, G. Fletcher, Brittlebank, A. Woolley, McGeorge, McLeish, A. Posno, H. J. W. Raphael, and several others. The brethren then met in the evening at the Du Toits Pan Club, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. When they had done ample justice to the excellent fare, the W.M. proposed as the first toast "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "H.M. the King of the Netherlands," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England," "H.R.H. Prince Frederick Grand Master of the Netherlands D.G.M. National," "Bro. J. H. Hoffmeyer D.D.G.M. of Griqualand West," and "Bro. H. S. Orpen." Bro. I.P.M. Hartog, in proposing in felicitous terms the "W.M.," said that that brother had attained his present dignity by sheer patience and zeal in Masonry. He had been a member of the Lodge since its foundation, and now had attained the zenith of his ambition. He would say a better Master could not be found, and begged the brethren to drink his health in bumpers. The W.M. being a Good Templar accepted the toast in silence. The W.M. then proposed the retiring "W.M.," and said he had been everything the Lodge could desire; the honour due to him was high—he was worthy of all the encomiums that could be lavished on him; they had received great courtesy at his hands, and no doubt the present prosperity of the Lodge was largely due to his exertions. Bro. Hartog, who appeared deeply moved, having replied in eloquent terms, gave the toast of the retiring Officers. Bro. Van Ulsen acknowledged the compliment, and gave the "Worshipful Masters and Officers of the different Lodges in the Province." Bros. Rorke W.M. Cosmopolitan Lodge, and Bro. Hackney W.M. Athole Lodge responded. The next toast, proposed by Bro. Klisser S.W. Peace and Harmony, was that of "Prosperity to our Sister Lodges." Bro. Defries of the Cosmopolitan having recognised the compliment, by drinking "Prosperity to Peace and Harmony," R. Wor. Bro. Hackney felicitously proposed the "Officers," and Bro. Yockmonitz returned thanks. The toast of our Absent Brethren" was given by Bro. King, and that of the "Visiting Brethren," by Bro. Van Ulsen D.M., who said: in seeing so many of you amongst us, accept a brotherly greeting from us. We rejoice that you are our guests, we could not have enjoyed St. John's Day so much had we not your sympathy. Gatherings like this will never be in vain, for we meet on fraternal grounds—members of one large family, which diffuses a good work throughout the world. To this Bro. Woolley, Adelphi Lodge, and M. Weil replied. To the toast of the Past Masters of Lodge Peace and Harmony and other Lodges, Bros. I.P.M. Hartog and P.M. Conolly Charles Warren Lodge gave suitable acknowledgments. With the Masonic Press was coupled the name of Bro. Harris, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who suitably replied. Bro. Harry Neville Campbell, as the youngest member of the Craft present, was accorded the honour of proposing "Our Sisters," and Bro. Emanuel Isaacs Hon. Sec. responded. The customary final toast was given, and the brethren, after having passed a very enjoyable evening, separated at a late hour. During the evening Bros. Yockmonitz, Conolly, Rorke, and Abrahams entertained the assembled brethren with songs and recitations.

CHARITY LODGE MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 76.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 76, was held on Friday, 23rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 191 Union street, Plymouth. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. Vincent Bird P.M. 66 P.G.M.O. Engd., P.P.G. Tr. and P.G. Secretary, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters;—Very Worshipful and Wor. Brothers T. C. Lewarn P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Hifley P.M. P.P.G.S.W., William Browning P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Henry Miller P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, E. Patten P.M. P.P.G.D., J. P. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.D., all of 76; J. B. Gover P.M. 50 and 66 P.P.G.M.O. and Tr., William Bartlett P.M. 48. W. Bro. John Treeby S.W. and P.G. Treasurer had been unanimously elected the W. Master, and he appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. C. Lewarn I.P.M., R. Blight P.P.G.A.D.C. S.W., H. C. Hill J.W., William Browning P.M., &c., Treasurer, J. M. Hifley P.M., &c., Secretary, John Moysey P.P.G.R. M.O., J. Neno S.O., A. Trout J.O., W. Hannaford S.D., J. Gliddon J.D., R. Dickson P.G.P. R. of M., J. Williams I.G., W. H. Frost D.C., C. W. Ballisat A.D.C., W. Bartlett P.M. Tyler. Two brethren of the Craft Lodge were then advanced, and other business, consequent on the yearly meeting, transacted. The financial position of the Lodge, as well as the number of members, was stated to be very satisfactory. Simple refreshment in the adjacent rooms followed, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. Bro. Treeby presided, and he was congratulated on the double honour he had received during the month. The visitors were much impressed and gratified with the recent improvement and decoration of the Lodge room, which is now all that can be wished.

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OUTSPOKENNESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I admire candid criticism, the free expression of a man's unbiassed opinion, delivered without fear of consequences, but I hold that a man is bound to express that opinion in language which is in no way likely to give offence to those who may differ from him. Bro. Norton has, to use the every-day phrase, "the courage of his opinions." He says what he thinks without exhibiting any desire to curry favour either with the select few or the multitude, and, from passages in the article of his you published a fortnight since, it is evident that the idea of wounding other people's feelings is furthest from his thoughts. Yet I trust he will pardon me for suggesting that the trenchant blows he is in the habit of dealing out on occasions would be none the less effective, if he combined the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*. I will give you an illustration of my meaning. Many people in the good old days laboured under the idea—and there are still those who agree with them—that in order to give the due amount of emphasis to every opinion or statement, a few choice expletives culled from the least respectable portion of the English vocabulary should be prefixed. Dr. Johson showed the extreme folly of this notion when he shamed an abusive Billingsgate fish-hag into a terrified silence by calling her a parallelopipedon. Similarly it strikes me that Bro. Norton's contention as to the Masonic value of the A. and A. Rite would be to the full as telling, if he somewhat mitigated the force of his language. It is not essential to the sacred cause of truth to call him a liar who speaks an untruth. Shakespeare, in his inimitable way, has furnished a scale of the charges which, in such circumstances, one man may bring against another for saying the thing that is not. The difference in these charges is as the difference between the rough and perfect ashlars. The properties of both are identical, that is, the dimensions, the contents, &c., but the one is pleasing to look upon by reason of its smooth and polished surface, the other is sound and true enough, but ugly or at all events unattractive to the eye. I know it was not necessary for Bro. Norton to speak so scornfully of the A. and A. Rite and its worthy supporters in order to prove the feebleness of its claim to be an original and valuable Masonic Institution. If Bro. A. is ambitious of being a 33 "*degreer*" or 95 "*degreer*,"—to use Bro. Norton's own term,—it is a very harmless ambition and will in nowise injure the purity of Bro. B.'s Craft Masonry. Many of our foremost Craftsmen both in England and the United States are partial to the High Grades. They regard them as an ornamental adjunct to true Masonry. Some of the "High Grades" may think them necessary to the elucidation of the higher mysteries of occult science, but that fact cannot affect the virtue of Free and Accepted Masonry, as it is defined in the Book of Constitutions. No one is ever hoaxed into the belief that the High Grades are a *sine quâ non* of Masonic perfection, unless it be with his eyes open, in which case he clearly loses all claim upon our sympathy. Bro. Norton himself must smile at the tremendous vigour he occasionally displays against the picturesque phantasies of the various classes of High Rites, when a mild reproof or a gentle sarcasm would answer his purpose as well.

I agree with Bro. Norton in his estimate of the true Masonic value of these Rites, but not in his denunciation of them. The edifice of Freemasonry is not as solid as I take it to be, if a few pretty but unnecessary decorations are made fast to its walls. If the building falls, the ornaments fall likewise, but it is not necessary to the security of the former that the latter should remain part and parcel of it. I do not imagine there are many brethren who are likely to fall into the capital error of mis-estimating the relative values of a building and its decorations; the former is indispensable, the latter are not. If there are such, then, as I have said before, by reason of their perverted judgment, they have lost all claim upon our sympathy.

I think your contemporary is quite right in preaching forbearance towards those holding opposite opinions, even though, through the weakness of human nature, he may not always practise what he preaches.

Trusting Bro. Norton will forgive me for inflicting on him this little homily, and will take the suggestions I have offered in good part,

I remain, fraternally yours,

"A SOFT WORD TURNETH AWAY ANGER."

THE A. & A. AND THE A. & P. RITES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have taken "32°.'s" advice, and though the fable he refers to was not unfamiliar to me in my boyish days, I have been at the pains of re-studying it very carefully. But though, from the causticity of his opening remarks, I expected I might derive some benefit from acting on his suggestion, I am sorry to say I have—owing possibly to the natural obtuseness of my intellectual faculties—been quite unable to see in what way the fable is applicable to me. It will be time enough for me to exclaim against the maturity of the high grades when I have tried to obtain them and failed. But up to the present time I have not thought it worth while even to solicit the privilege of incurring heavy expenses for the privilege of wearing a grander apron than I possess, or a gorgeous scarf, and it may be a cocked hat or other paraphernalia. All I sought, in my harmless letter, which has so disturbed "32°.'s" equanimity was, to draw attention to the amusingly lofty scorn with which the A. and A. Rite regard their brethren of the A. and P. Rite. I feel sure no one objects to either of them conducting its own affairs in its own fashion, but even if I had not paid some attention to the history of Freemasonry, the Constitutions of Grand Lodge tell me clearly enough what pure and ancient Masonry is, and it does not need much intelligence to discover that the A. and A. and the A. and P. Rites have no part in Masonry as so defined. I have no doubt they are very interesting to those who are admitted into the several degrees under each, but they are no more necessary to the stability of legitimate Freemasonry than would be the study of the Eleusinian mysteries or of the doctrine of Pythagoras. I am not envious of either of these rites, because I am not a member. What I wish to say is, that such virtue as they may possess is derived from Craft Masonry, without which as a foundation they must come to the ground. This ought to be no news to "32°," but I vouch for its being an historic truth, unless—which could not well have happened—all the historians of Freemasonry have conspired together to misrepresent facts.

Yours faithfully,

CRAFTSMAN.

CHARGES FOR BANQUETS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have drawn attention to the high rate of charges too often made for tickets at the banquets held after the annual meetings of our different Provincial Grand Lodges. I think it is impossible for any one to take exception to your very sensible remarks. You very properly draw a distinction between the brethren to whom guineas are of little or no consequence and the far larger number with whom it is a matter for consideration, whether or not they are justified in dining regardless of the cost that may be incurred. As to the happy few, let them dine, say I, as sumptuously as they please, but at the same time let some regard be shown for the less wealthy majority, whose purses are not so well lined, and whose balances at their respective bankers—if they have a banking account—are not always very considerable. It must be remembered that one of the principal objects of these Provincial gatherings is to bring together as many members as possible, but this desirable object is likely to be frustrated if the price of the dinner-ticket is fixed too high. Moreover, the dinner is only a part of the day's expenses. Brethren from a distance must pay travelling fare; then, in a small way, there are all kinds of petty contingencies to be provided for, and it seems to me a little unreasonable in the case of worthy brethren who take an interest in the concerns of their Province, and are desirous of making the acquaintance of the members of other Lodges to mulct them so heavily, as is the case in many instances. I dined on Saturday last with the Provincial G. Lodge of Surrey, at Sutton, and so enjoyable was the dinner that I send you a copy of the *menu** for insertion if you think proper. Well, this excellent dinner, wine included, cost me fifteen shillings—a price which cannot be deemed excessive, and I see from your advertisement columns that at the P.G. Lodge banquet, Hants and Isle of Wight, at Andover, on Tuesday, the price of a ticket, wine and dessert included, will be half-a-guinea.

Again, at many a high-class London hotel or restaurant I can dine, not *en prince*, but well, for a few shillings, the *menu* including soups, fish, *entrées*, &c., and a pint or bottle of wine suffices. Why, then, as you justly argue, should I be required to pay twice the amount at an hostelry in some small provincial town, where rents, &c., are much lower? I like to pay my legitimate share of the expenses on any occasion that I make one of a small or large party, but I object decidedly to paying twice as much as is necessary, because a few of my brethren are desirous of "doing the grand." I know a Lodge held within twenty miles of London where, when the labours of the evening are ended, the members sit down to a nice little dinner, served in good style, and the charge is only half-a-crown apiece, each brother exercising his own discretion as to the liquor he drinks. Installation night is the single exception to this rule.

I will conclude this letter with the story of an amusing incident which occurred to a friend of mine who, with some others, went down to Richmond on a day's pleasuring, and ordered dinner at the Star and Garden, where different dinners are served at different tariffs—that is, you may order a six shilling dinner, an eight shilling dinner, and so on. After an appetising stroll they returned and dined well at the rate, as fixed, of six shillings. When the bill was presented the waiter was noticed to be smiling blandly, and he was asked the reason; he explained that, owing to a slight mistake, such as will occur in the best regulated hotels, my friend and his companions had been served with an eight shilling dinner, while another party of visitors, mustering the same in number, had ordered an eight shilling dinner and had been served with a six. The latter, however, expressed themselves as delighted with their fare, and had gone away some time previously, in happy ignorance of the mistake. From which I deduce this moral, that the enjoyment of the dinner is not the greater the higher the price that is paid for it.

Yours fraternally,

GOURMET.

* MENU.—*Soups*—Mock Turtle and Clear. Mayonnaise of Salmon. Ribs of Beef. Fore-quarters Lamb. Ducks. Fowls. Pigeon and Veal-and-Ham-Pies. Tongues and Hams. *Sweets*—Raspberry-and-Currant and Greengage Tarts. Custards. Cherry Tarts and Tartlets. Cheese and Salad. *Dessert.*

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A MASONIC DUEL AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

THE curious episode of a duel between a Grand Master of Kentucky (William H. Richardson), and a Past Master (Benjamin W. Dudley), both of Lexington, Kentucky, formed a subject of conversation among Kentucky Masons twenty-five years since, though but few are living now who recall it. The case is the most interesting to us because the charges were brought by Samuel H. Woodson G.M. in 1819, when Henry Clay (who was G.M. in 1820) was Chairman of the Committee of Reconciliation, and the Grand Lodge *assumed original jurisdiction* over the matter. The Grand Lodge met that year at Lexington, 31st August to 5th September; thirty-seven Lodges being represented. This is the year in which the Grand Lodge of Indiana was organised by the delegates of six chartered Lodges, all emanating from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The circumstances which led to the duel are not important to narrate; I give only the facts of the trial. On the second day of the session, the two parties were cited to appear before Grand Lodge, under the following resolution, proposed by Samuel H. Woodson, viz.: "Resolved that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is entirely improper, and entirely repugnant to the principles of Masonry for any of its members to engage in personal conflicts with each other, with deadly weapons or otherwise; and whereas it hath been signified and made known to this Grand Lodge that a duel hath lately taken place between Grand Master W. H. Richardson and Past Master Benjamin W. Dudley, Resolved, that they be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge at ten o'clock on Thursday next, to answer for the above departure from the principles of the Craft." The parties obeyed the citation and then, after due consideration, the following order was made by Grand Lodge: "Resolved, That the Grand Lodge have jurisdiction and ought to inquire into the charge exhibited against Bros. Richardson and Dudley for having fought a duel, they being both members of the Grand Lodge." On Friday following the motion of Henry Clay was adopted: "Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to confer with Bros. Richardson and Dudley for the purpose of endeavouring to produce a reconciliation between them." The Committee consisted of Henry Clay G.M. 1820-21, William T. Barry Grand Orator 1821, Samuel H. Woodson G.M. 1819-20, and David G. Cowan G.M. 1822-23. The Committee promptly reported that "they had discharged the duties delegated to them, and were happy to inform the Grand Lodge that their efforts had been successful." But the members of Grand Lodge were far from being at one in their notions of Masonic discipline. John A. Gordon, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, offered the following resolution: "That this Grand Lodge deeply deplores the unfortunate difference between M.W. Grand Master William H. Richardson and P.M. B. W. Dudley, in which they were so unmindful of their Masonic principles and duties as mutually and deliberately to engage in a duel, thereby prostrating and sacrificing one of the great fundamental principles of our Order to the false notions of honour, by which a deluded world has been too long influenced. Resolved, therefore, that it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the said M.W. William H. Richardson, and the said Past Master B. W. Dudley be and are hereby expelled from the immunities and privileges of the Order of Masonry."

This is well said, and as between two ordinary Masons would have been adopted by Grand Lodge. But there now drops out the argument *duello vs. antiduello*. Clay had fought a duel,—perhaps more than one. It was the fashion of the period. "The false notions of honour," was a hard hit from the hands of John A. Gordon, and doubtless stiffened up the Committee and their friends to make a personal point of it. I should like to have heard the debate on Gordon's resolution. It was "ordered to lie upon the table." Saturday morning, Henry Clay offered a resolution, which being amended was adopted. It is in his usual style of compromise. "Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply deplores the unfortunate difference between Bros. G.M. William H. Richardson and P.M. Benjamin W. Dudley, and the unhappy combat to which it has led. This Grand Lodge cannot but condemn in the strongest terms, that those brethren should have so far forgotten the obligation and duties of Masons as to have engaged in such a combat. But in consideration that the said brothers have, by the intervention of this Grand Lodge, become perfectly reconciled the one to the other, and of their correct and uniformly good deportment, and that a mitigation of the punishment which might otherwise be due is thereby rendered expedient, therefore, Resolved, that the said Brothers Wm. H. Richardson and Benjamin W. Dudley be suspended from the privileges of Freemasonry during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge." I cannot find in the subsequent proceedings of the Grand Lodge that this order of suspension was ever removed. No expressions of regret on the part of the actors for the heinous offence they had committed are even hinted at, and the probability is that this suspension was perpetual. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky had a precedent upon its records in a curious case that came up in 1814 from Daviess Lodge, No. 22, at Lexington. One of its members had borne a challenge to a duel between two Master Masons, and "had taken no measures to adjust the difficulty." He was tried by No. 22, and suspended for a year for a breach of Masonic covenant. From this he appealed to Grand Lodge, and the matter was referred in due course to a Committee. Their report gives us an insight into the state of society at that period, which is startling. They say that "while they shudder at the disastrous consequences which might have grown out of the affair, yet the course pursued by Masons heretofore in similar cases, *without incurring censure or animadversion*, goes far to extenuate the offence. The frequency and multiplicity of such occurrences, *unprohibited and uninvestigated*, may be construed as almost tantamount to a permission!" Grand Lodge set aside the punishment, and commanded him "to appear before the Grand Lodge and receive from Grand Master a lecture on the impropriety of his conduct!" The Committee who thus trifled with their own obligations and the laws of the Craft was composed of John Speed Smith (Grand Master 1824-1825), B. F. Depuy and Samuel F. Bowen. No wonder that four years later the Grand Master himself engaged in a similar affair. Another case of duelling between Masons came before Grand Lodge in 1825; a duel between Jonathan Stout and Edmund Irvine, Master Masons. The Grand Lodge, in view of the decease of Irvine, and the suspension for several years of Stout, restored the latter to Masonic privileges. My readers must not suppose that Kentucky alone has been afflicted with this murderous spirit. The Grand Lodge of Indiana announced by circular, 10th October 1813, that their Grand Master John Sheets "having in a *rencontre* unfortunately killed his opponent, he had absented himself from the meetings of Grand Lodge!" At Richmond, Virginia, about the year 1850, a leading Mason was killed in a duel, and although everything in the bloody affair was conducted "strictly accordant with the laws of honour," yet the Brethren refused him Masonic burial. This fact suggested the following lines by myself:—

Hark! how the air resounds with death!
Lo, to the tomb a Mason comes!
But where is *the Badge* the Mason hath,
Type of a life beyond the tombs?
Is there not one in all the band
Owns him a Brother now?
Speak, ye that weep around the bier,
And say, where the honours are his due.

How he was loved these tear-drops show,
How he was honoured midst our band;
For he had a heart for every woe,
For each distress a liberal hand;
Bright in the East our rising sun,
Proud we viewed his career;
But now to-day his race his run,
We fling no cassia on his bier.

Whispering low the cause we yield,
History of his unworthy death!
False honour called him to the field,
And death the erring brother met!
No dirge from us can o'er him swell,
No banners around him wave;
Emblems of faith we dare not strew
Upon the sad self-murderer's grave.

Cease the knell of sorrow now,
But long will the heavy sigh be drawn:
Vacant the East—ah! heavy the woe,
Our Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty gone;
But worst the grief this thought will bring
To our fraternal home;
Bright and dearest, he has passed,
Dishonoured, to untimely tomb!

Rob. Morris, in *Masonic Review*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

WE must remind our readers that to-day (Saturday) is fixed for the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. Unusual interest will attach to this particular occasion, as we understand the opportunity will be taken to present to Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the respected Grand Master of the Province, a handsome testimonial for the long and valuable services which that worthy and Right Worshipful brother has rendered to the cause of Freemasonry in this Metropolitan county. When Middlesex was erected into a Province, Sir Francis, then Lieut.-Col., Burdett was chosen by the late Earl of Zetland to preside over its destinies. There can be no question as to the wisdom of the choice. Of the thirty or so Lodges, which constitute the Province, some twenty, or two-thirds, have been warranted during his Prov. Grand Mastership, and whether we have regard to the diligence with which the Lodges fulfil their duties, or the zeal of the brethren in supporting our grand Masonic Institutions, Middlesex is undoubtedly the model of a well-ordered and enthusiastic Province. The meeting will take place at the New Assembly Rooms, Teddington, at 2.30 p.m., and the banquet will follow at 5 p.m. We have every reason to anticipate a numerous and successful gathering.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will be held on Tuesday next, the 3rd prox., at the Town Hall, Andover, at 1.30 for 2 p.m., and the Banquet which follows, will be served at 3.30 p.m., at the Foresters' Hall. As this is a strong Province, and the Prov: Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is a deservedly popular chief, there will no doubt be a strong muster of brethren, in spite of the counter-attractions offered by the Yachting fraternity at Cowes and Southampton.

Essex, under the presidency of Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., its respected Provincial Grand Master, though always playing its part well both in Masonic work and Masonic Charity, appears to have entered on a fresh career of energy. We may, therefore, look to a considerable attendance of the members of the different Lodges in the county at the Town Hall, Colchester, on Thursday, the 5th prox., the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. One question outside the usual routine of business on these occasions will come under consideration, namely, the appropriation of the balance remaining in the hands of the Installation Committee, whose arrangements, when Lord Tenterden was installed P.G.M. last year, gave so much satisfaction. The banquet will be served at the Cups Hotel at 4.30 p.m.

In the city of New York there are 159 Lodges, 26 Chapters, 9 Commanderies, and 9 bodies of the A. and A. Rite; in Brooklyn, and vicinity, 62 Lodges, 13 Chapters, 4 Commanderies, and 4 bodies A. and A. Rite; in Jersey City, and vicinity, 21 Lodges, 6 Chapters, 1 Commandery, and 4 bodies A. and A. Rite.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 31st JULY.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex, New Assembly Rooms, Teddington
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

TUESDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

Prov. Grand Lodge Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Town Hall, Andover, 1·30
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6·30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
845—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Ampthious, Freemasons' Hall, Recknondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

Provincial Grand Lodge Essex, Town Hall, Colchester, at 2
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
140—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Nepthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
307—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7·30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 881—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
908—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1221—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

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LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 277, OLDHAM.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a sketch of this Lodge, compiled by its Senior Warden Bro. Rev. Joseph Harrison, M.A., who, after a careful study of the Lodge Minute Books has succeeded in putting together a very readable history—a task which, considering the contents of Lodge Minute Books are not usually in the category of entertaining literature, is not so easy as might be imagined. As, save under exceptional circumstances, one Lodge history is very much like another, and having regard to the fact that it is only very recently we commented on that of St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton, as compiled by Bro. Brockbank, it is unnecessary we should devote much space to Bro. Harrison's opuscule. This Lodge of Friendship cannot certainly point to having had a strange eventful history. Its career seems to have been placid enough, with possibly a few circumstances now and then happening of a character to cause just a little flutter of excitement in the minds of its members, but beyond this there is a certain monotony about the proceedings, and one is almost inclined to regret there was not occasionally a little outbreak of discord, if only that it might have thrown into higher relief the easy and equable temperament so uniformly exhibited by the Lodge. Even its birth seems to have been unattended by the usual demonstrations incident to the warranty of a new Lodge, all that is known of the interesting fact being that the Lodge Warrant "is dated August 22nd 1789, and was granted on the petition of Bros. Jonathan Raynor, Joseph Dunkerley and Isaac Clegg, by the P.G.M. of Lancashire, John Allen, acting for H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland G.M., and countersigned by William Hall D.P.G.M.;" and that the Lodge itself was "opened on Wednesday, the 2nd September 1789, at five o'clock in the afternoon, in due form at the 'Ring of Bells,' Oldham, by the Lodge of Sincerity, Bull's Head, Manchester." Thus beyond a little professional assistance—though whether this was rendered by a duly certificated medical practitioner or by a midwife does not appear—"Friendship" was ushered into the world of Freemasonry in due form, but at the same time without formality. One circumstance, perhaps, is worthy of notice. Oldham "Friendship" came into being under the auspices of Manchester "Sincerity," and to judge from the even tenour of its career ever since, the combination seems to have proved an augury of good things to come. Twelve brethren, members of the infant Lodge, were present on the occasion, and the absence of

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one other is noted. The first W.M. was Bro. Jonathan Raynor, and the first Wardens presumably Bros. Dunkerley and Clegg, as their names appear with that of Bro. Raynor on the Warrant. As to the social position of the members, we may judge from the statement that one was a weaver, four were cotton manufacturers, one a hat manufacturer, one a tailor, one a shoemaker, and one an innkeeper. On the opening day three candidates were received as entered apprentices, of whom the first in order was the Rev. M. Wrigley, A.M., who was passed and raised at an emergency meeting held on the 19th of the same month. On the 28th Oct. twelve members of the Union Lodge, No. 534, Manchester, visited the Lodge, this being the first occasion on which any visitors were present. Early in December the Lodge moved to the Angel, and on New Year's Day, 1790, a new W.M. was installed. As to the length of the Master's term of office there seems to have been a diversity of practice till the end of the year 1820, the Master being sometimes elected for twelve, but generally for six months. The expenses do not appear to have been heavy, only ninepence being charged to each member, namely, sixpence for expenses and threepence for charity, a very fair proportion, such as is not always observed in these days. But though the Lodge work was harmoniously conducted for the most part, and there is but little therefore to record of an out-of-the-way character, we have remarked some things curious which deserve to be mentioned. Thus, on 10th August 1791, seven brethren were "made moddern Masons, enter'd, past, and Raised." We presume these seven were "Ancient" brethren, though why a Lodge of the elder of the two Masonic bodies at the time existing, should speak of the members of its own fraternity as being "modderns" is passing strange. The same year, and as recently as 1840, it was the custom to make brethren "pass Masters" which, to judge from our own acquaintance with Lodge histories, the Rev. compiler is correct in suggesting must have been nominally Past Masters on whom the R.A. degree was conferred. The same practice prevailed in the Bolton Lodge, 221, as pointed out by Bro. Brookbank. On 16th Feb. 1791, a visiting brother was present, who hailed from "the Lodge of Fortitude, held at James Taylor's, Bottom of Hollinwood, under the Ancient Grand Lodge of York." This, Bro. Harrison points out, is the only mention he has been able to find of this Lodge. The circumstance is the more strange as this Grand Lodge had very few subordinate Lodges, and because about that date it was beginning to fall into that state of torpor from which it never subsequently emerged. We should like to hear what Bros. Gould and Hughan have to say of this offshoot of the old Grand Lodge of *all* England; or, did the writer confound the Grand Lodge of the Ancients with the old or Ancient Grand Lodge which met at York? We fear an answer to this question is likely to prove exceedingly difficult. On 28th October 1795, and also subsequently, the Mark degree was conferred in the Lodge, while, at an emergency meeting on the occasion "of the funeral of our late worthy Br. John Rowbottom," the Chapters of Philanthropy, Werneth, and Trinity, Manchester, attended, so that, as has been seen in other cases, Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry were worked under the same warrant. On one occasion the Lodge seems, speaking figuratively, to have worked under the familiar sign of the "Three Balls;" for it advanced two guineas to a brother on the security of "his watch untill valued." Among other items of interest may be mentioned extracts from the Cash Book, showing that on one occasion "30 pair of Flannel Drawers" were purchased for the use of our army abroad—though how an army, unless it were a stage one, could get into thirty pairs of drawers is a puzzle we shall not endeavour to solve. On another occasion seven guineas were subscribed to the expenses of the war, and under date of 26th May 1794 we read that the Lodge so far forgot the peaceful character of Freemasonry, as to have ventured on beating up for "military recruits." This, of course, may be excused on the score of the well-known loyalty of the Craft, and all the more so as the beating up for recruits does not, for aught these minutes divulge, appear to have had any result. It seems to have been a statement and nothing more. Vegetarians will be sorry to hear that on the 13th of June 1799 "one Theopelus Turner disturbed the *peas* and good harmoney of the Lodge at 8 o'clock." In another case the Master was so far oblivious of his duties that though the Lodge was summoned for 5 p.m. the Wor. Brother did not put in an appearance till three hours later. In another minute, but as late as the year 1826, it is recorded that only two brethren attended, and, under such discouraging circumstances, we presume, they solaced themselves with a bowl of punch and then "retired to their respective homes." These are among the lighter and more entertaining records, but there is also mention made of a few family jars occurring, such as, to use an ordinary phrase, are to be expected in the best regulated families; and at one time there seems to have been so considerable a dissension as to have brought about a sub-division of the Lodge into two parts, one meeting at the "Spread Eagle," and the other at the "Angel," the "Angelic" body being at fault. We have already referred to the Mark degree being worked in the Lodge, and this practice appears to have prevailed as late as 1838, on the 20th May in which year we read that a Lodge of emergency was held "for the purpose of making several members of the Lodge Mark Master Masons." In a minute of 17th April 1843, occurs the honoured name of the late Earl Howe, then Senior Grand Warden of England, who on that day laid the first stone of St. Mary's Church Schools, Oldham. On 13th Nov. 1830, it is recorded that Masonry had revived during the decade, and as a proof of this circumstance we are told that at that meeting "*ten* candidates were proposed, and were all initiated in due course," while eleven candidates were accepted at the two subsequent meetings. It may be remarked that ample evidence is furnished in the course of these extracts from the minute books of the Lodge that it was not inattentive to the claims on its conscience of that greatest of all Masonic virtues—Charity—and many a time is mention made of a sum being voted to the relief of a distressed brother, or towards some fund which was being raised for the especial assistance of the injured or afflicted in some great calamity. Mention is also made, from time to time, of testimonials being presented to brethren who had deserved well of the Lodge, a prominent case being that of Bro. Isaac Gaitekill, twice Master of the Lodge and Past Grand Junior Deacon of the Province, to whom, in February 1853, were presented "a gold watch, guard, and ring," in recognition of "his eminent services to the Lodge." A list of initiates, joining members, and Worshipful Masters is appended, and from the first two we gather roughly that during the close on ninety-one years of its existence there have been some five hundred subscribing members. It is a noteworthy fact that our Rev. Bro. Harrison should have published this interesting narrative during the Mastership of Bro. Abraham Clegg. The first Junior Warden of the Lodge was a Bro. Isaac Clegg, and he was the third brother elected to fill the chair of K.S. A Bro. Benjamin Clegg was initiated on the 28th June 1797; a Bro. Thomas Clegg on 26th November 1800; a Bro. Edmund Clegg on 12th April 1843; a Bro. James Clegg on 12th March 1851; a Bro. Kay Clegg on 9th July in the same year; a Bro. John Clegg on 11th May 1859; and a Bro. Charles Clegg on 25th Feb. 1874. We cannot take upon ourselves to say offhand that all these brethren belonged to the same family, but the first and last are described as "cotton manufacturers," and also some of the intermediate Cleggs: if so, it is evident that Masonry was beloved by this family. With this remark and a reiteration of our thanks to our Rev. Bro. Harrison for his kindness in forwarding us a copy of his little work, we bring this notice to a close.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Thursday, 22nd July, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present—Bros. H. J. Phillip W.M., D. Moss S.W., J. Da Silva J.W., L. Norden Sec., Gartley I.G., C. H. Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The usual formalities were duly observed, and then the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Norden acting as candidate. Lodge was opened to the 3rd degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Moss was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and it was arranged that Bro. Norden should rehearse the installation ceremony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th inst.—Bros. Carr W.M., Smyth S.W., Wardell J.W., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Quay, C. Lorkin, and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Quay candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—A regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on the 20th instant. Bro. Smith occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Myers S.W., Pavitt J.W., Worsley S.D., Fyfe I.G., Morgan, Forss, Keable, McCarthy, Stephens, &c. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the third ceremony was capitally rehearsed, with Bro. Morgan candidate. Bro. E. T. Worsley, Hon. Sec., worked the first section of the lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge was then closed to first degree. In the absence of the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. P.M. Musto, who was taking a holiday, Bro. Secretary proposed P.M. Myers as W.M. for the 27th instant, when Bro. Worsley said the sections would be worked, and no brother was better fitted to preside than was Bro. P.M. Myers. This arrangement was subsequently modified to this extent, that Bro. McCarthy W.M. 1076 was to work the installation on that day, after which Bro. P.M. Myers would work as many of the sections as time would allow. Of one thing visitors to the Friars Lodge of Instruction may always be sure, they may rely upon finding the Lodge working, and will not experience the disappointment which attaches to repeated visits to certain Lodges where no work is done owing to an insufficient attendance. With a hearty welcome from Bro. Worsley, its indefatigable working Secretary, it is not to be wondered at that the Friars Lodge of Instruction should be well attended and prove so great a success.

On the 27th instant Bro. P.M. Myers presided as W.M., with Bros. P.M. Candick S.W., Smith J.W., P.M. Musto Preceptor, Worsley Secretary, and Bros. Pavitt, Nash, Fyfe, Power, Roddam, Sadler, White, Rawe, Watkins, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes having been read, it was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when sections were worked:—1st. Bro. Rawe; 2nd, Bro. Watson; 3rd, Bro. Candick; 4th, Bro. Pavitt; 5th, Bro. Smith; 6th, Bro. Pavitt; and 7th, Bro. Candick. There was not time to work any more, but on the next section night the second and third lectures will be given in continuation. Bro. Candick was unanimously elected to fill the chair on Tuesday next, which is the day for completing the list of names for the summer banquet. The Preceptor, Bro. Musto, who has been sojourning at Yarmouth, for the benefit of his health, will also be in his place to support Bro. Candick.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At Bro. Stevenson's, Sandringham-road, Dalston, Monday, 26th July. Present: Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, McCarthy 1076 W.M., McGregor S.W., Robson J.W., Seymour-Clarke Secretary; also Bros. McDonald, Kimbell, Goddard, and others. After preliminaries, the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Goddard was presented as W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. McCarthy, who duly installed Bro. Goddard into the chair of King Solomon, when the brethren saluted in each degree. Lodge being opened and closed as required. Bro. McGregor W.M. of Capper Lodge 1076 was then elected a member, and W.M. for Monday week, 9th August, at 8 p.m.

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referred to, is described as the head of the Lodge. The term but inadequately defines the position or status of the brother who is elected to fill the important post; he is in reality the head, heart, and soul of the Lodge over which he is appointed to rule, and to him the Craft look for an account of his stewardship when the day of retirement draws near. The honour, reputation and usefulness of the Lodge depend on the way in which he performs his duty, and to such an extent is this the case that a year under the guidance, if that term is applicable, of an incompetent or unworthy Master will wreck the work of past successful Masters often beyond all hope of redemption, while feelings of dissent will be engendered in the Lodge, which too often end in disunion among the whole body of members. In such a case it would indeed have been preferable had the vote of the Lodge been given to some other member better qualified than him whose mismanagement had caused so much confusion. It may be asked, How are we to know beforehand whether a brother will prove worthy, or otherwise, of the chair to which we are about to elect him? and we admit there is great difficulty in answering the question. A brother may have filled the several offices in the Lodge, from the lowest on the list up to that of Senior Warden, with satisfaction to himself as well as to the various Masters under whom he has served, and yet, on being placed in the chair, immediately prove so unequal to his duties as to make it apparent to the most casual observer that his tenure of office will be a misfortune to the Lodge. We have heard it remarked on more than one occasion, within a few minutes of the completion of the installation ceremony, that the newly-appointed brother ought never to have been entrusted with the government of a Lodge. How is this opinion formed? and if it is trustworthy at this early stage why could it not have been formed before the installation ceremony was commenced? Many of our readers will doubtless agree with us that the way in which a brother closes his Lodge for the first time may be taken as a fair index of his capabilities, and we urge that had this and one or two other simple tests been previously put to him the brethren would have been in a position to have formed a fairly just opinion of the capabilities of the candidate for the Master's chair. We do not know whether a regular rehearsal on the night of election in open Lodge would be the best course to pursue, but that would at least have the merit of at once deciding whether the brother was really able to open and close a Lodge or not. We consider that a Mason who will not take the trouble to perfect himself in these two small matters—and we regret there are many who fill the chair of our Lodges who either cannot or will not do so—are unworthy of the position, and should, in our opinion, be debarred from attaining the office. We simply ask, whether it is likely that a man who cannot perfect himself in the rudimentary portions of the Ritual will ever make himself acquainted with the more intricate portions thereof? It may be urged, with some amount

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THE FIRST CARE OF A MASTER.

THE portion of our ritual which directs the attention of the newly-installed Master to the duties he is expected to perform embraces so much that is essential to the prosperity of the Craft at large that we think a more frequent study of it would be beneficial to the Order. Indeed, if we look closely into the subject, we can but remark the extent of the responsibility which devolves on the Master, who, in the particular part of the ceremony referred to, is described as the head of the Lodge. The term but inadequately defines the position or status of the brother who is elected to fill the important post; he is in reality the head, heart, and soul of the Lodge over which he is appointed to rule, and to him the Craft look for an account of his stewardship when the day of retirement draws near. The honour, reputation and usefulness of the Lodge depend on the way in which he performs his duty, and to such an extent is this the case that a year under the guidance, if that term is applicable, of an incompetent or unworthy Master will wreck the work of past successful Masters often beyond all hope of redemption, while feelings of dissent will be engendered in the Lodge, which too often end in disunion among the whole body of members. In such a case it would indeed have been preferable had the vote of the Lodge been given to some other member better qualified than him whose mismanagement had caused so much confusion. It may be asked, How are we to know beforehand whether a brother will prove worthy, or otherwise, of the chair to which we are about to elect him? and we admit there is great difficulty in answering the question. A brother may have filled the several offices in the Lodge, from the lowest on the list up to that of Senior Warden, with satisfaction to himself as well as to the various Masters under whom he has served, and yet, on being placed in the chair, immediately prove so unequal to his duties as to make it apparent to the most casual observer that his tenure of office will be a misfortune to the Lodge. We have heard it remarked on more than one occasion, within a few minutes of the completion of the installation ceremony, that the newly-appointed brother ought never to have been entrusted with the government of a Lodge. How is this opinion formed? and if it is trustworthy at this early stage why could it not have been formed before the installation ceremony was commenced? Many of our readers will doubtless agree with us that the way in which a brother closes his Lodge for the first time may be taken as a fair index of his capabilities, and we urge that had this and one or two other simple tests been previously put to him the brethren would have been in a position to have formed a fairly just opinion of the capabilities of the candidate for the Master's chair. We do not know whether a regular rehearsal on the night of election in open Lodge would be the best course to pursue, but that would at least have the merit of at once deciding whether the brother was really able to open and close a Lodge or not. We consider that a Mason who will not take the trouble to perfect himself in these two small matters—and we regret there are many who fill the chair of our Lodges who either cannot or will not do so—are unworthy of the position, and should, in our opinion, be debarred from attaining the office. We simply ask, whether it is likely that a man who cannot perfect himself in the rudimentary portions of the Ritual will ever make himself acquainted with the more intricate portions thereof? It may be urged, with some amount of justice, that after the excitement of the installation ceremony, in which he has taken so prominent a part, a brother may be at a loss or somewhat confused, but the general style, even then, will conclusively show what may be expected as the character of the year's ruling. In many cases, an opinion is then and there formed by the brethren present of the Master's suitability for the office, which goes far to influence their interest in the Lodge for the coming year, and this opinion once formed is seldom altered by anything which may occur in the future. If the work is done in a slovenly or faulty manner, it will often lead a brother to stay from the future meetings of the Lodge, rather than witness repetitions of the Master's inefficiency, while, if the closing ceremony on the night of installation is performed with ease and with a strict observance of the Ritual, a pride will be felt in the Lodge, and, as a consequence, punctual attendance is more likely to follow. As what we have said equally applies to the opening of a Lodge, we may conclude that the first care of a Master should be to make himself proficient in the ceremony of opening and closing the Lodge. In a recent number of our contemporary the *Masonic Review* this subject is dwelt upon at some length, the writer therein going so far as to say that "the true test of a good Lodge is a good Master, and the test of a good Master is his ability to open and close his Lodge with dignity and accuracy." The question of conferring degrees our contemporary treats as a secondary matter, for then it states, "the attention of the members is given not so much to the Master as to the candidate. But in the opening and closing all present look with straight eyes to the East, the Master then is the be-all and the do-all." Further than this, we would point out the inconsistency of an officer holding himself up as a teacher who by his own acts proves himself unable to impart the information he is even then referring to, he being obliged either to transfer his authority to some one or other of the Past Masters, or to perform the ceremony in a way calculated to inspire contempt rather than respect for the chair. We are aware that some Lodges require an examination similar to that to which we have referred, but their number is so small that no appreciable results can be looked for as regards the general body of the Craft, although we cannot doubt but that benefit accrues to the Lodges themselves. We should like to see the system become universal, and commend its consideration to those of our readers who either in their own Lodges or in those with which they may be acquainted, have seen the evil effects of appointing a brother to office who cannot "open and close his Lodge with dignity and accuracy."

CONFLICTING VIEWS AS TO THE CHARACTER AND ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

THERE is no Society or Institution established by man in any country which has been made the subject of so many theories all widely divergent from one another, none which has evoked so many opposite opinions as to its character as Freemasonry. It has been subjected to all kinds of ridicule. It has been condemned by Pope and Presbyterian Synod, as a dangerous promoter of irreligion, and anathematised accordingly. Kings and governments have forbidden its assemblies on the ground that such were necessarily hostile to the State authority. While, on one hand, it has been regarded by some as at the bottom of

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that freedom of thought which there is no doubt whatever has been more firmly establishing itself in different countries, its most enthusiastic friends are inclined to regard and describe it as a kind of religion, while there are others who stoutly maintain that it is nothing more than a society for promoting good dinners. Some say it had its origin in the Garden of Eden, or on the plains of Shinar, and that all or nearly all the great Biblical personages under both the Old and New Covenants, presided over its destinies. Others say the idea of its having existed anterior to the earlier years of the eighteenth century is mere moonshine, or in other words, that Freemasonry, as we now understand it, is of modern origin, and its connection with the sodalities, the philosophies, and the mysteries of the old world exists only in the imagination of the extreme Masonic enthusiast. To evolve out of this chaos of ideas anything like a connected and reasonable theory as to the character and age of Freemasonry is no light task to enter upon, but it has no place among impossibilities. It is, we think, quite possible to explain, though not to reconcile, these conflicting theories. It is possible, for instance, to allow that Freemasonry, while as to its present organisation is undoubtedly is an Institution of modern times, is not, as regards its doctrines, the parvenu Society its enemies—and some, too, among its friends—consider it. Without going the length of asserting that it is lineally descended from the old schools of philosophy, and through them from the priestly castes of Egypt and India, there seems small reason to doubt that many of the tenets it professes, and the mode of teaching it adopts, are in harmony with those professed and adopted by the the philosophers and castes we have referred to. It is too much to ask us to believe that a Society of Freemasons, such as ours is, has existed from the Creation, and that among its rulers, or Grand Masters, have been Adam, Noah, Abraham, Solomon, the two Saints John, and a multitude of other great historic celebrities. Equally objectionable is it to invite us to believe that the Society of Freemasons came into being at once—just as Minerva is mythically said to have come into the world full grown, and wearing a complete panoply—at that meeting of the four old Lodges at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent Garden, which resulted in "Mr. Antony Sayer Gentleman" being made Grand Master. Even before the Creation, there was a chaos out of which the Universe was created, and before our Grand Lodge was instituted there were, as we know, Lodges; and traditions, Old Charges, &c., &c., as we also know, or may be excused for assuming. Therefore, while we are inclined to accept neither of the extreme theories as to the origin of Freemasonry—namely, that which assigns it an existence coeval with the Creation or thereabouts, or that which dates it back to 1717 and no further, we see our way to assigning to Freemasonry, as did the Earl of Carnarvon in his address at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, an origin dating back to very remote ages.

Among the schools of Masonry there are two which stand out prominently from the rest. One of these may be described as that of the late Dr. Oliver, who, it will be admitted by readers of Masonic journals, has many enthusiastic followers. The other has among its disciples no abler or more earnest representative than Bro. Jacob Norton. Out of respect, therefore, to this worthy partisan of the modernity of Freemasonry we will name this second school the Jacob Norton School. The late Dr. Oliver, as a mere glance at any one of his numerous writings will show, held that our Masonic symbolism could be traced back as far as the time when Adam and Eve lived immaculate in Eden, and that Freemasonry amounted to little else than Religion as revealed by the Creator to His Creatures. He somehow manages to see a connection between Freemasonry on the one hand, and all the religions that have been promulgated, all the mysteries which have existed, and all the philosophies which have been propounded since the world began. We do not mean to say the late worthy doctor attempted, much less succeeded in his attempt, to connect the teachings of Freemasonry with those of all religions, mysteries, and philosophies, but with the bases of religion, mystery, and philosophy, albeit those bases were differently formulated by different masters, in different ages, and in different epochs. On the other hand, Bro. Norton insists that Freemasonry, as an institution, is only what Desaguliers and his compeers defined it. He must even go further than they, and deprive it of that religious basis on which they erected their superstructure of Freemasonry. He does not think it right to allow that the formulators of our modern system of Masonry had any just and proper idea of their own meaning. Their language points unmistakably to an intention on their part to retain the religious element, but with nothing whatever of a sectarian character about that element. Bro. Norton argues, with the French Masons of to-day, that Freemasonry is not what it should be unless all idea of or reference to religion is expunged from its formularies.

We have recently been favoured with a copy of "an address delivered in the Church of St. Mary, Staindrop, before the brethren of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, and the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, Darlington, at their celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, on Wednesday the 7th July 1880, by Bro. the Rev. J. Milner, M.A., F.R.G.S., Rector of Middleton-in-Teesdale, and Chaplain in Ordinary to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh." In this address our Rev. Brother in answer to a question, "What is Freemasonry?" takes us back to the "remotest antiquity," and proclaims it to be "not a political, but a religious society." He speaks of the use of symbols and signs as the only means before letters were invented, "of teaching divine truths and handing down divine traditions," and it was through them that "before the Deluge the people of the old World had the whole history of the creation, the fall of our first parents, &c., handed down by tradition in the primitive Lodges," while after the Deluge the Ark became the commonest of symbols. Then, he goes on to say, that "a Lodge must have been in full working order on the plains of Shinar during the life-time of Noah," and the reason he assigns for this statement is, that "when the Dispersion took place, Lodges of a similar nature were established in every part of the world, though probably not for many years after the settlement of the emigrants in the new countries." In the next sentence he speaks of the "old mysteries" as "those spurious Masonic Lodges," and as having "misinterpreted many of the symbols which had been correctly explained in the mother Lodge. All, however, had the same symbols and had a common origin, namely, Freemasonry. Later on, in the same page, our Rev. Brother gravely tells us that "according to the traditions of our venerable society Enoch was a very eminent Mason." Now, with all due respect to our Rev. Brother's enthusiasm in the cause of Freemasonry, we must take upon ourselves to point out that, to put it in the mildest of terms, it is an absurdity to state that a Masonic Lodge was in full working order in the plains of Shinar, and that daughter Lodges were established in other countries subsequent to the Dispersion of the people. With as much justification might it be said that the English and French languages, as now spoken, were the immediate outcome of this Dispersion and the confusion of tongues that followed. Enthusiasm is to be commended only when it is found possible to prevent it from transgressing the limits of reason.

Passing over the remark that the mysteries or spurious Masonic rites were introduced into different countries by different persons, and granting with but little hesitation that it is probable they all had one common parentage, though in some cases they "degenerated most frightfully," while in others they retained or recovered much of their pristine purity, we should like to hear something of the authority on which Rev. Bro. Milner bases his statement that Pythagoras and Plato "were initiated into a Jewish Lodge." This is about on a par with Dr. Oliver's statement that among others the Saints John were Grand Masters of Freemasonry, nor is there a particle of evidence, indirect or direct, of the truth of the statement so distinctly set forth by our Rev. Brother. We fear we must condemn him for so unhesitatingly asserting what it is impossible for him or any one else to substantiate. We have less objection to his remarks about the Essenes, for, so far as it it is possible to judge of them, they seem to have been actuated by certain well-known principles, such as are set forth in our modern exposition of Freemasonry. But what can be said of the following passage: "Freemasons, of course, know perfectly well that the great Pyramid was merely a spurious Masonic Lodge, in which aspirants were initiated into the mysteries." This is a bold statement, equally incapable of proof with that about Pythagoras and Plato having been "initiated into a Jewish Lodge." Our Rev. Bro. Milner should fulfil his duties as a preacher with something approaching to caution and common sense. No sane man could for one moment seriously entertain such propositions as these, and it is this class of proposition which has involved Freemasonry in so much ridicule. It is one thing

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to claim for our society a "Time Immemorial" existence, as it is called, but in doing this we must avoid the capital error of fabricating a connection between Freemasonry as it is known to us brethren of our own day, and all the different faiths inculcated by all the different religions of the world and all the different schools of philosophy that ever existed. There is, perhaps, no serious objection to any one describing the Garden of Eden or the plains of Shinar as being the place where the first or mother Lodge of Freemasons was held—except as regards the former, that women are not eligible for admission into our Lodges—but while we may amuse ourselves with such an idea, we must not trespass too seriously on the patience and credulity of others and publicly invite them to accept such belief or description.

Let us now turn our attention to the views of the opposite school of thought respecting Freemasonry, as fairly represented by Bro. Jacob Norton. We shall not need to devote so much space to him, as the papers which appear in these columns from time to time contain sufficient evidence of the character of his Masonic creed. He is for reducing Freemasonry to the very narrowest proportions. He would eliminate all reference to religion from our ritual, and, no doubt, from our Constitutions likewise. He holds that Freemasonry is nothing more than a system of morality, and he uses the word "morality" as, a long time ago, a correspondent of ours pointed out, in the narrowest sense. That is, he holds that Freemasonry has been devised for the purpose of inculcating practically, as well as by precept, the virtues of temperance, forbearance, patience, fortitude, charity, chastity, &c. &c., and condemning their respective antagonistic vices. If some brother, as in the case recently of Bro. Woodbury, in his interesting paper on the "Antiquity of the Laying of Corner Stones," sees, or imagines that he sees, some analogy between the rites of Freemasonry as they are now practised, and the mystic teaching of the priests or philosophers of former times, up rises Bro. Norton spontaneously and at once, and in a long and elaborate article sets to work battering the new thesis into atoms—no matter how interesting or probable the analogy may be. The reading of Bro. Woodbury's article afforded us so much pleasure that we determined on reproducing it in our columns, nor did we find anything that merits to be ridiculed even by Bro. Norton. In our judgment Bro. Woodbury established his point as to the antiquity of laying Corner Stones. It did not need a very elaborate article to prove the esteem in which architecture and those who were learned in the art were held in Egypt, the wealth of monumental and architectural remains which are still to be met with in that country bear testimony to this. It is easy to imagine that kings would take an interest in structures about to be erected in commemoration of their virtues, or success in war, and that those who designed them and superintended their erection might not only be held in high esteem, but even be rewarded for their ability, with positions of rank about the person of their sovereign, if not in the sovereign's family. We are indebted for much of what we know about Egypt, Assyria, and other great powers of the East in ancient times, to the remains of their temples, palaces, pyramids, obelisks, &c., and the inscriptions on them, so the learned tell us, have in a wonderful way borne out the biblical account of the fortunes of those states. Bro. Woodbury has adduced valuable testimony, from various sources, all tending to show that the Egyptian kings took a practical interest in buildings that were about to be erected to their honour or for the public good, that interest being shown by the part they played in laying the foundation stones. This function they discharged with much pomp and ceremony, just as did the bishops or other high ecclesiastics in mediæval times in laying the corner stones of churches, and just as we Freemasons of to-day on such occasions as that of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral. The resemblance may not be complete in all its details. We may use corn, wine, and oil, the ecclesiastics may have used salt and water, and the Egyptians neither or nothing at all, but a small matter of that kind does not suffice to destroy the very striking analogy which Bro. Woodbury has sought, not in our opinion unsuccessfully, to establish between the architectural mysteries of ancient Egypt and the mysteries of our speculative Freemasonry of to-day. Another important feature to which Bro. Woodbury has drawn attention is, the association of these architects and Master Masons with the priestly caste, the members of which reserved the knowledge of all the most valued mysteries, allowing nothing but the most ordinary matters to become known outside their own sacred circle. So with Freemasonry—and any one who wishes may acquire from published books a fairly comprehensive idea of Freemasonry—the important mysteries are properly expounded only in Lodges. There is also this further point to be urged; as architecture and priestcraft were closely associated in ancient Egypt, so religion still finds a place in the expositions of Freemasonry. These are matters of agreement which deserve a better fate than to be sneered at by a hostile critic, who believes in nothing but his own omniscience, and is never happy but when he is actively engaged in the attempted demolition of somebody else's pet theory. Is it obtuseness on the part of Bro. Norton that he cannot see as other men see—not as members of the Oliverian school to whom we have already objected—but as men of learning and research, possessing keen judgment and plenty of common sense, who, like Lord Carnarvon, hold that Freemasonry dates back from a remote antiquity, or Bro. Woodbury who does not think he is indulging his imagination when he discovers some analogy between the architects of early Egypt and the Freemasonry of modern times? These are not unsafe guides for thoughtful men to follow. They are men who have played a practical part in the affairs of life. They are capable of forming an opinion of the fantastic ideas of the mere visionary, and are not likely to involve us in a maze of vain imaginings. There is generally more rather than less reason in any theory they may propound. In the particular instance before us Bro. Woodbury has broached a theory which will certainly bear the closest investigation, and Bro. Norton treats him to a page of ridicule, good-natured we admit, but none the less ridicule. Let us take a single point of Bro. Norton's for an example. He loves antitheses, and so in his attempt to show there was nothing in common between mediæval and Egyptian Freemasonry he remarks, "the main object of the *supposed* Egyptian fraternity was for studying the science of architecture, &c.; but the whole aim and object of the mediæval associations was merely *bread and butter*." No doubt our worthy brother thinks this is a smart piece of criticism, but if we look into it a little, we shall come to the conclusion that it is very childish. Bro. Woodbury has shown that in Egypt even kings did not consider it beneath them to study architecture and its associate arts. He has also drawn a distinction between the grand old architects of the dark ages, who travelled about Europe, planning and designing, and erecting under the ægis of the Church those religious fabrics, so many of which exist as monuments of their skill and ability, from the mere stone masons and bricklayers who worked under their guidance. The former were the repositories of such art knowledge as the priests were of such book lore as had survived the convulsions which followed the destruction of civilised society after the break-up of the Roman empire, by the northern barbarians. No wonder, then, that architecture and religion went hand-in-hand together. The mere layers and hewers of wood and stone were villeins, serfs, or slaves, who in time, however, became sufficiently powerful to organize themselves into a Fraternity or Guild for the purpose of securing to themselves a sufficient price for their labour, and subsequently to set at naught Acts of Parliament, which at different times were framed to resist their pretensions. In time the art element lost its commanding influence, and the mere operative element almost alone remained to represent the glorious Fraternities of Architects and master builders of mediæval times. These Fraternities derived such knowledge as they possessed of the arts and sciences, through the Roman Colleges and the schools of philosophy in Greece and Italy, from the earliest times, and from those countries where, as in Egypt, Assyria, or India, anything like a state of civilisation was established. Again, nothing was more common or more ancient than the employment of symbols for the purpose of instructing both the initiated and profane, and in an age when "a little learning" was unquestionably "a dangerous thing," no system of teaching could possibly have been more convenient. The profane many were taught nothing beyond the exoteric meaning of the knowledge vouchsafed them, while the privileged few were initiated into its esoteric or occult signification. From the close association between ecclesiastics and the architects, it will be easily and very naturally inferred that this teaching was chiefly moral and religious, and as the knowledge they possessed was of the

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scantiest, having been handed down chiefly orally through a long period of civil disturbance, it is not to be wondered at the legends should have got so much mixed up as to be an almost unintelligible jumble without the slightest regard to the chronological sequence of events or personages. Those who pay attention to the history that is being enacted around us, know best how often, and in what important particulars accounts of the same circumstance differ from each other. We may imagine, therefore, that the historical ideas even of the most enlightened persons of the dark ages would be but hazy and indistinct. But though we may decline to accept the literal meaning of the myths which abound in the earlier history of every nation; we must not strike out from the early life of that nation the years to which those myths belong. Similarly we must not reject off-hand the analogy that exists between speculative Freemasonry and the architects of mediæval times or of these latter with the Egyptian architects who lived some thousands of years before, because it is impossible to trace out every link in the connection by rule of thumb. This is as great an error on the one side as it is to interpret literally the myths which have been handed down to us on the other. For ourselves, we are grateful to Bro. Woodbury for having given to the Masonic world the result of his extensive researches. He has, we maintain, established his chief point, and shown that the custom of laying corner stones dates from a very early age. He does not give the rein to his imagination and place a Lodge in full working order in the plains of Shinar; and though, to borrow a phrase employed a short time since in respect of one of our statesmen, he may, in the "exuberance of his own verbosity," have used the expression Grand Master in connection with the Egyptian architects, so trifling a slip merits something less harsh than the sneer of a self-opinionated, and therefore, not impartial critic.

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"ON SOME MODERN ERRORS IN THE ILLUSTRATION AND ELUCIDATION OF THE ANCIENT TENETS OF THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER."

A Paper read before THE YORK COLLEGE, at a Regular Meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, on the 2nd of June 1880, by W. FRA. REV. W. C. LUKIS, M.A., F.S.A., VII°, Suffragan.

R.W. CH. ADEPT AND FRATRES,—Rosicrucians of old are classed among the most credulous of intelligent mortals. I trust that modern Rosicrusians, at least those who belong to the York College, will, by the application of common sense to their studies, show themselves worthy of a higher character; that their Faith, like that of Dr. Johnson, will ever be firmly founded upon good grounds; and that they will be incredulous only when there is no sufficient reason for belief.

Rosicrucians have been described as "a very enthusiastical sort of men, who hold many wild and extravagant opinions." Some of you will no doubt remember how the Author of Hudibras speaks of them:

> "Rosicrucian Virtuosos
> Can see with ears, and hear with noses;
> And when they neither see nor hear,
> Have more than both supply'd by fear;
> That makes them in the dark see visions,
> And hug themselves with apparitions,
> And when their eyes discover least
> Discern the subtlest objects best."

There are some modern Essayists on the strange mysterious belief of the famous Order whose speculations appear to me to be quite as extravagant as those of the Order who are thus described, for while they profess to deal with the history of the occult philosophy, and desire to convey to their readers the impression that the ideas of the ancient Brethren are not their own convictions, yet illustrate, and even in a measure support, those ideas with reasonings which are far from being free from error; and, more than this, who, to use the words of one among them who applied them to other writers upon the brotherhood, "display a great amount of mischievous ignorance." It is to this imperfect knowledge to which I wish to draw the attention of the Fratres, because there is no excuse in the present day for an unquestioning acceptance of the strange theories of a past unenlightened age. I dare say some of you have read a book by Mr. Hargrave Jennings, on the Rites and Mysteries of the Rosicrucians. If you have, you will probably have felt, as I myself felt, perfectly bewildered, when you came to the end of it, supposing you were able to get so far. It is not pleasant to be thoroughly mystified when one's desire and expectation in reading a book is to be instructed. I rose from its perusal with the same feeling as I experienced when listening to Dr. Lynn's explanations of his conjuring tricks,—with this difference, that the Doctor's very clear and clever explanations, which left me just as far as ever from knowing how those tricks were performed, were very entertaining; whereas Mr. Jennings's elucidations are based upon such erroneous views of primeval monuments that I was vexed that he should not have made himself acquainted with sounder ones, and that he should have made those monuments lend a significance to theories with which, I am certain, they are entirely unassociated, and with which theories his mind is strangely absorbed.

I allude now to those chapters of the book which treat of the ancient Fire worship, and of the mystic symbols which he supposes are represented in certain primeval monuments, which are the structures, he thinks, of primeval philosophers.

I will first quote two or three passages, and then show wherein the error lies. "We are about," he writes, "to treat of facts, and of various historical monuments. They all bear reference to the universal story of the mystic Fire. We claim to be the first to point out how strikingly, and yet how at the same time, without any suspicions of it, these emblems and remains, in so many curious and unintelligible forms of the magic religion, are found in the Christian churches." (p 88). "We think that we shall be able fully, in our succeeding chapters, to place beyond contradiction an extraordinary discovery. It is that the whole round of disputed emblems, which so puzzle antiquaries, and which are found in all countries, point to the belief in Fire as the first principle" (p 89). "The Cromlech, or bilithon, or trilithon, or single, double, or grouped stones found in remote places, in Cornwall, in Wales in various counties of England, in by-spots in Scotland, in the Scottish Isles, in the Isle of Man, and in Ireland;—all these stones of memorial, older than history, speak the secret faith of the ancient peoples. Stonehenge, with its inner and outer circles of stones, enclosing the central mythic object or altar: all the Druidic or Celtic remains; stones on the tops of mountains, altar tables in the valleys, &c., &c., all follow the same rule. We consider all these as variations of the upright commemorative pillar. The province of Brittany in France is thickly studded with stone pillars, and the history and manners of its people teem with interesting and very curious traces of the worship of them." (pp 105-6). "Whence and when the British Druids transplanted themselves to this lone world amid the ocean, no historian can write. We can judge of the Druids simply by the sublime monuments which are left of them, surviving in their majestic loneliness, thro' the ages of civilization. Unhewn masses or heaps of stones tell alone their story; such are their Cairns and Cromlechs and Carnedds, and that wild architecture, whose stones hang on one another, still frowning on the plains of Salisbury. Among the most remarkable ancient remains in Wales (both North and South) are the Druidical stones poised in the most extraordinary manner, a real engineering problem,—the slightest touch will sometimes suffice to set in motion the Logan or rocking stones, whether these balanced masses are found in Wales or elsewhere. We think that there is very considerable ground for concluding that these mounted stones were oracular" (p 107). "Druidical altars are still to be traced on many hills in Ireland, where Baal fires were lighted" (p 109). "The Druidical Circles, and the single stones, standing in solitary places, are all connected with the mystic speculations of the Rosicrucians" (p 227). "There are few churchyards in England without a phallus or obelisk. On the top is usually now fixed a dial. This Phallus, upright, or pin, stone is found in every Gilgal, or Druidical circle" (p 148). One more extract: "We have asserted that the pyramidal or triangular form which fire assumes in its ascent to heaven was, in the monolithic typology, used to signify the great generative power. The coarse sensuality which seems inseparable from modern ideas about the worship of the pillar or upright, had no place really in the solemn ancient mind, in which ideas of religion largely and constantly mingled. We must not judge the ancients by too rigid an adherence to our own prepossessions—foolish as they sometimes are. The adoration paid to this image of the Phallus, which has persisted as an object of worship through all ages, in all countries, was only the acknowledgment, in the ancient mind, of wonder at the seemingly accidental and unlikely, but certainly most complete and effectual means by which the continuation of the human race is secured" (p 222).

Now this is all very fine, but it is neither sound archæology, nor true science; and my object in bringing this book to the notice of the Fratres is to save them from the possible risk of being misled by it. I have come across one of the members of our Order who expressed to me his accordance with the views contained in this strange book, and it may be that others lean in the same direction. I trust I shall not seem to any of you to have placed myself upon a lofty pedestal of criticism when I venture to dispute the author's archæology.

I propose to leave out of view the historical monuments in which Mr. Jennings discovers the preternatural mystery, and merely ask you to consider with me those only which are pre-historic.

You will perceive, in the quotations given above, how much the author has assumed and even asserted, in order that certain rude stone monuments may appear to give colour to the occult philosophy of the Rosicrucians. He has assumed that there were Druids and that they were Rosicrucians. He has assumed that the rude stone monuments of Great Britain and Ireland, and of their small dependent islands, were erected by the Druids. He has assumed that these monuments, it matters not of what form, were the material expressions of a magic religion. He has assumed that the first objects of worship were monoliths, and that the monoliths which are now found in many countries are the idols that were adored. He has assumed that these same monoliths were Phalli. He has assumed that Cromlechs were Druidical altars of sacrifice; and that stone circles were connected with the mystic speculations of the same Order. He has assumed that rocking stones were constructed by the Druids for oracular purposes, and that they had been so skilfully poised as to be an engineering problem. These are assumptions sufficient to support any amount of theory; but is there the slightest ground for any one of them? They are the teachings of a by-gone age, of Toland, Stukeley, Godfrey Higgins, and others,

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men of the last century, who were possessed of classical learning, and of a considerable amount of historical information, but whose knowledge of pre-historic archæology was very insignificant. Their theories respecting the uses of the rude stone monuments were therefore mere fanciful speculations, and within the last forty years antiquarian researches have proved their utter groundlessness. Consequently, an author is now without excuse who sits at their feet and accepts their teaching, when it is so easy to be better informed.

Upon what foundation does the general belief in Druids, and their religious rites and ceremonies rest? Upon a very short passage in Cæsar's Gallic Wars, upon a shorter passage in Pliny's Natural History, and on some faint and vague notices in later writings; but it is uncertain who the people were about whom they wrote. Cæsar imagined they were priests and the instructors of youth; another writer thought they were a distinct race of men; but because Cæsar states that their scholars were not to commit to writing what they were taught; hence has arisen the assumption that they were a secret society imbued with Rosicrucian philosophy. So little, indeed, and so vague, is our knowledge of them and their tenets, from these sources, that some diligent students of early history have doubted their existence, or else come to the conclusion that Cæsar, Pliny, Tacitus, and others were as great in assumptions and as skilful in building up extravagant theories as I desire to show you a modern writer is. Let us for the nonce render ourselves culpable and assume that there were Druids, and assume further that they were Rosicrucians, what evidence is there that the rude stone monuments of the British Isles were erected by them and were connected with their mystic speculations? None whatever. On the contrary, every atom of evidence points to a wholly different conclusion. And let it be borne in mind that the investigations which have produced this evidence have been of the most searching nature, and have been conducted since Toland, Stukeley, and company passed out of the field of literature, and before Mr. Jennings entered into it. From these researches we learn that Cromlechs are not altars, but sepulchres; that they are burial vaults, which were once hidden from sight, because encased in earthen mounds or cairns. In the days of Cæsar they were very probably not visible at all; and there is occasional evidence of the Romans having interred their dead in them. It is not from them, therefore, that the altar notion has been derived. We also learn from archæological researches that many of the single monoliths, and those which are arranged in circles, had a sepulchral destination. There is no evidence of any prehistoric structure in these islands having been erected for worship, apart from burials. There is no evidence of Stonehenge, Avebury, and other well-known circular monuments, having been set up for such a purpose. I do not say that they have not been so used in connection with burial ceremonies, but it is a mere assumption to say that "Stonehenge, enclosing a central mythic object or altar,—and all Druidic or Celtic remains, speak the *secret* faith of the ancient peoples," because no man living knows anything about it. We may make guesses as to their faith in a future life by investigating and observing their modes of burial, but there is no justification of the bold assertion that they held a *secret* or Rosicrucian belief. There is again very good ground for concluding that the single monoliths which abound in these isles, as well as in Brittany, and in other lands, are purely sepulchral memorials, and were not venerated stones at all. The Phallic theory, as applied to them, is an untenable and extravagant conjecture. Had they been, in their origin, objects of worship, as is pretended, not one probably would have survived to this day. Several early Christian Councils, during a period of 200 or 300 years, denounced venerated stones, and decreed their utter destruction; yet monoliths remain, and, as in Brittany, in vast numbers, at a short distance only from the very centre whence one of the fatal decrees issued (Nantes). In the last place, instead of rocking stones having been artificially made and being an engineering problem, it is well known that they are natural productions. I have seen many of them, and seen some in Nature's workshop in various stages of formation. The elements are always engaged in producing them in certain exposed localities, and where the rude material is favourable; and there are places where not many years hence a new example or two may possibly be found. I say possibly, because Nature, with all her marvellous skill, not unfrequently fails. With her, success in this particular work is exceptional. Supposing, therefore, that some were already in existence in prehistoric ages, it must be a mere assumption in any person to say now that these balanced masses were the work of man's hand, and that they were then employed oracularly. I have not said anything about the theory of universal fire-worship, because I was conscious that if I could point out how faulty were the author's notions respecting prehistoric monuments, their origin and uses, it would suffice to break many links in his chain of illustration and argument. My remarks have extended to a greater length than I intended, and I must crave your indulgence on this account.

A FEW WORDS ON AMERICAN MASONRY.

IN the first number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which was issued on the 2nd January 1875, appeared an article under the above heading, in which, after referring to various matters connected with the Craft in the New World, we expressed it as our opinion that, while there was much in the labour of our Transatlantic brethren to disapprove of and condemn, they had many belongings which might with profit be expatiated on for our benefit and example. But there was one point on which we desired to see light thrown. No country, it was at the time remarked, was more lavish of outlay on Masonic architecture; no country more ostentatious of parade, glitter, show, and extravagance; yet where, we asked, were the Masonic Charities, Benevolent Institutions, Widows' Fund, Orphans' Home, and Schools? At that time we left "ECHO" to supply the answer, asking—"Would it be possible for an echo to reach us from across the Atlantic?" We have waited a long time, and doubtless there are many of our subscribers who long since thought we were wrong, for in a later issue of the same year (viz., on the 20th February 1875) Bro. W. J. Hughan favoured us with a letter on the subject, in which he endeavoured to disprove our statements, "hoping that his remarks would remove any erroneous impression on our mind, or on those of our readers." Bro. Hughan at the time ably defended the Masons of the United States, and although we were then anything but satisfied with his argument, we left it unanswered in the hope that sooner or later we should find a means of proving him wrong, or that we ourselves might be better informed on the subject than, from his remarks, it would seem we were when we published our first number. Although we have waited nearly six years, it seems we have not waited in vain, for with the July number of *Moore's Masonic Messenger*, published at Detroit, the echo we asked for reaches us.

After referring to the fact of the income of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the present year reaching over seventy thousand dollars, the Editor proceeds:—

"But why are you always reminding us of the active benevolence of the English Freemasons?" Because we have nothing of the kind in America to remind you of. So soon as American Masons will *do* something worthy of special notice, we will not only commend it and work for it, but, dying, will feel that American Freemasons have at last begun their work on the true mission of Masonry. Where is the Masonic orphan you are clothing and educating? or the afflicted brother or his widow you are supporting? "Millions for the Triennial; not a dollar for the widow, or destitute, or orphan!"

We ask Bro. Hughan whether he now thinks our remarks on this subject, published in 1875, were so far from the truth? We do not for a moment imagine he will question the Masonic knowledge or veracity of our esteemed co-worker Bro. C. Moore, nor do we think he will doubt us when we assure him that we fully recognise the charitable instincts of our American brethren, but again we ask, Where are the Masonic Charities, &c., of the United States? We trust we may not have to wait another five and a half years before we hear from across the water, and that when we do it will not be an echo of our lament, but a shout of joy at the establishment of a well-organised system of Masonic relief for the aged, the widow, and the orphan.

ARCH MASONRY.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 4th instant, when among those present were—Comps. S. Rawson Z., Shadwell Clerke E., R. P. Bent P.S., J. Creaton Treasurer, J. H. Scott S.B., H. G. Buss Asst. S.E., E. Letchworth P.Z., H. G. Colville P.Z., W. Clarke P.Z., C. F. Hogard P.Z., W. Stephens P.Z., Geo. Lambert P.Z., H. C. Levander P.Z., R. Murie M.E.Z.; also Comps. Hyde Pullen, J. Nunn, Fras. Robinson, J. Lewis Thomas, A. J. Duff-Filer, S. Mullens, Robert Grey, C. W. Arnold, James Glaisher, and John A. Rutter. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes showed that the Funds of Grand Chapter amounted to £3,370 14s 1d, and grants were made of £300 to each of the Masonic Charities. The following new Chapters were authorised:—The Chapter of Faith, Jumalpore, Bengal; the Orpheus Chapter, Freemasons' Hall; the Quadratic Chapter, Greyhound, Hampton Court; the Carnarvon Chapter, Albion, Aldersgate-street; the Okeover Chapter, Private Rooms, Ripley, Derbyshire, the All Saints Chapter, Vestry Hall, Fairfield-road, Bow, Middlesex. The motion of Comp. George Lambert P.Z. No. 7, "That the Grand Chapter do meet at six o'clock p.m. in future, in lieu of seven o'clock as at present," was carried.

Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Tuesday evening, but owing to the general absence from town of most of the members on holiday excursions, no exaltations were taken. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and another candidate was proposed; the Companions subsequently supped together. Amongst those present were Companions T. B. Whytehead Z., J. Todd P.Z., G. Balmford H. 236, J. Hanley St. Patrick's, M. Millington P.S., J. Kay S.E., A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, and P. Pearson Janitor.

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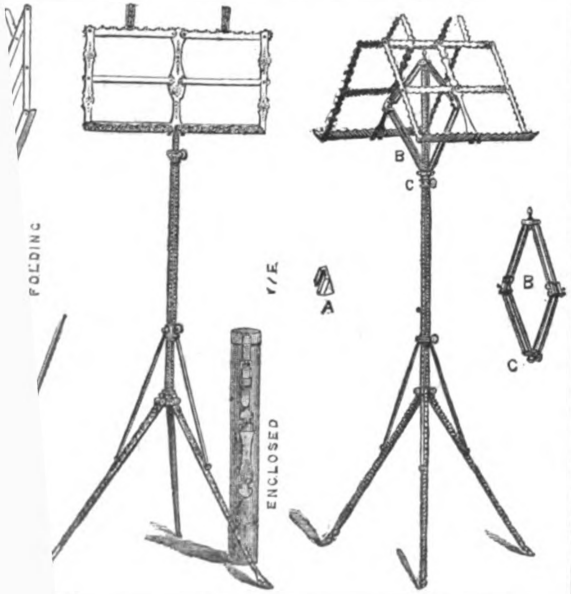
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OVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

nnual meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Essex held on Thursday, at the Town Hall, Colchester, under the y of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Lord Tenterden, who orted by a large number of the members of the Province and rom neighbouring Lodges. The first business of the day uditing of the Treasurer's accounts, which was satisfactorily shed by the Finance Committee. The brethren then assembled, R.W. Prov. G. Master having entered the Lodge-room, rov. Grand Lodge. Having been saluted by the assembled his Lordship proceeded with the business of the day—the of which had reference to the confirmation of the minutes of Communication, which was held on 2nd July 1879 at Chelms- which occasion the ceremony of installing the then newly- d Prov. G. Master in his position was performed amid great by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master of

Since that time the ruler of the Province has officiated at eration of a new Lodge in his district, viz., the St. Andrew, at Shoeburyness, which took place on the 22nd July 1879. utes having been read, were confirmed, and letters of ere read from the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand f Suffolk, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that , and several others, regretting their inability to attend. f Lodges was then called over, when it was found that all odges of the Province were represented by either their ast Masters, or some of their Officers. The amount of the ions from the various Lodges was announced, as also the f members in each. The total showed that the amount of ions for the year was £64 13s, total number of members 873, se of 66 as compared with the number on the roll at the 's meeting. The Auditor's report was presented, and balance of £138 5s 2d to the credit of the Provincial Grand In referring to these reports the R.W. Prov. G. Master hat he considered the reports most satisfactory. As had nounced, there was an increase in the membership of the of 66 brethren. He had had the pleasure of consecrating,

be paid in the name of th in recognition of the part ments for the installation voted to the Essex Asyl Turner, the Secretary of voted to the volunteer fire funds were needed. In Grand Master expressed a need the assistance of the then proposed that the su School, but it being point voted to the Charities, amendment was proposed each of the three Institut being put to the brethren sability of co-operation as was then brought forwar subject was referred to th what should be done. O transacted, the Prov. Gran ceeded to the Cups Hotel. Worshipful Prov. Grand M usual Loyal and Masonic t Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M names of the other membe those connected with the installing H.R.H. the Duk Lodge, of which he (Lord I.P.M. He therefore felt t Grand Lodge of Essex and as both the Prince of Wales the Alpha Lodge, the mem of the Grand Lodge of Eng that of the Earl of Carnarv G.M., and the rest of the It was the good fortune of sonally and Masonically wit thought it hardly necessary present occasion, as most, if tunity last year to judge for he occupied. On the present the company of several re others there was Bro. Arnol for many years personally co a long time occupying the p sidered it was such brethren any work required of them, Deputy Prov. Grand Maste received with loud cheers) w inasmuch as he was so well k the Essex brethren, it was n qualifications. Of Bro. Luci he should have to say a few would confine himself to me case as regarded their pres Arnold responded to the toas pliment they had paid the G five years since he first pas the Province of Essex; sinc Essex as his Masonic home, of the Craft in that district, thirteen years, he was alway was flourishing there, and oft other of its Masonic celebrati health of the R.W. Prov. Gr needed no bush, he might s praise from him. The compe for themselves of Lord Tenter office, and he felt sure would n

Larlham, John Green, F. H. Cozens, A. Hubbard, W. W. Morgan, &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge was formally opened, and the roll of Officers called over. This evidenced that those brethren who had been selected to fill the responsible posts in Provincial Grand Lodge were fully alive to their obligations, and were in attendance ready to do all that might be required of them. The roll of Lodges was then read over, and this call likewise was fairly responded to. The minutes of last Provincial Grand Lodge, held on 28th June 1879, at the Memorial Institute, Great Stanmore, were read and adopted, and the Reports of the Audit and Charity Committees duly received confirmation. The next business Prov. Grand Lodge was called upon to transact was the election of its Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months, and when we remind our readers that our esteemed Brother H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, has held that responsible post in this Province ever since its formation, and that his zeal in the cause of Freemasonry is on the increase—if that were possible—they will not be surprised that the proposition for his re-election to office was carried without a dissentient voice. The appointment and investiture of Prov. Grand Officers then took place, and the following is a list of those who will be privileged to wear the respective collars during the following year:—

Sir Charles Bright	- - - -	Prov. Deputy G. Master
Wm. Roebuck	- - - -	Prov. Grand S. Warden
E. B. Bright	- - - -	„ J. Warden
Rev. Dr. Robbins	- - - -	„ Chaplain
Rev. J. Hawes	- - - -	„ „
H. G. Buss	- - - -	„ Treasurer
J. Tickle	- - - -	„ Registrar
H. C. Levander	- - - -	„ Secretary
F. W. Levander	- - - -	„ S. Deacon
W. H. Stevens	- - - -	„ J. Deacon
H. Lovegrove	- - - -	„ S. of Works
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He should always prize their gift, and trusted it might be handed down by him to his son, and that it would be recognised as an heirloom in the family. Sir Francis concluded his remarks by thanking Sir Charles Bright for the way in which he had spoken, and tendered him his personal thanks for the assistance he always rendered in his capacity of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The formal business of the day was then proceeded with. Bro. Roebuck Prov. G.S.W. rose, and in a few laudatory remarks, reminded the brethren of the eminent services of the late Bro. T. J. Sabine, who died during the past year, while filling the chair of Senior Warden of the Province. He moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of their deceased brother. This was seconded by the Junior Warden, and carried unanimously. Provincial G. Lodge was then closed. After an hour's interval, which was taken advantage of by most of the brethren for an enjoyable stroll in Bushey Park, the banquet was served. At its conclusion Sir Francis Burdett proceeded with the customary toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung. In referring to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Sir Francis remarked that he had now been Grand Master for some considerable time, and Freemasons were assured he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the Order. This toast met with an enthusiastic reception, and the musical party gave "God Bless the Prince of Wales." With the next toast—The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers Present and Past, was associated the name of Bro. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, who thanked the Chairman and brethren for the reception they gave the toast. Sir Charles Bright next rose to propose the health of Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master; in a few well considered sentences commending the toast to the brethren. This toast was enthusiastically responded to, and after a song by Bro. Alfred Hubbard, the Prov. Grand Master expressed his acknowledgments. He assured the brethren he had attended the meeting that day with intense gratification. Everything had passed off agreeably; this in the main, was due to the zeal and ability displayed by those who so ably assisted him in conducting the business of the Province. The Province was formed ten years ago, and he had had the services both of Bros. Buss and Levander ever since its establishment. The time had passed most pleasantly, and the progress Freemasonry had made with them was most encouraging. Personally, he had that day been the recipient of a gift which conveyed to him the most cordial expressions of good feeling; he felt he had done but very little to warrant such a gift; but he assured them it would enlist his future sympathies to sustain the Province in its present exalted position. So long as the members supported him in the way they now did, he could have little to fear as to their future welfare. Sir Francis concluded a capital speech by tendering to one and all his most cordial greetings. In responding to the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Charles Bright thanked the Prov. Grand Master. In the Province they felt almost as one man; all wished to do good suit and service. So long as he was associated with them he should continue to exert himself for the welfare of one and all. With the next toast—the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past—was associated the name of Bro. William Roebuck P.G.S.W., who, with the J.W., Bro. E. B. Bright, replied. With the toast of the Visitors was associated the name of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., and amongst the remaining toasts was one complimenting the brethren of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, to whom had been entrusted the arrangements of the day—which, by the way, we may here state, were admirably carried out. Bro. Hunt acknowledged the compliment, and shortly afterwards the Tyler was summoned to give the parting toast. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. F. T. V. Honeywell W.M. 889, Prov. G. Organist; he had secured the services of Bros. Henry Ashton, F. H. Cozens, and Alfred Hubbard, who each and all added to their laurels by the way in which they acquitted themselves.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Town Hall, Andover, on Tuesday afternoon, 3rd instant. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, and the following were amongst the brethren present:—Bros. W. Hickman Deputy P.G.M., C. J. Martyn Deputy P.G.M. of Suffolk, F. Binckes Secretary Masonic Boys' School, F. Newman P.M. 175 P.G.S.W., George Wyatt P.M. 151 P.P.G.S.W., C. T. Allee P.M. 151 P.P.G.S.W., H. Cawte P.M. 342 and W.M. 1834 P.P.G.W., T. Best P.M. 1373 P.P.G.S.W., J. Wallingford P.M. 903 P.G.W., J. W. Lamb W.M. 694 P.P.G.S.W., G. Smales 312 P.P.G.S.W. North and East Ridings Yorks., F. Y. Nepean P.P.G. Chaplain, Major Richardson P.M. 723 P.P.G.S.D., H. Hacker P.M. 723 P.P.J.G.D., J. Dew P.M. 694 P.P.G. Reg., E. D. Godwin P.M. 76 P.G. Reg., E. S. Main P.M. 303 P.P.G.D.C., C. S. Dyer P.M. 359 P.G.D.C., E. Figgins P.M. 694 P.P.G.D.C., C. V. Helsdon P.M. 1373 P.G.D.C., G. A. Green P.M. 309 P.G.D.C., E. Groves P.M. 1069 P.P.G.D.C., F. Carter W.M. 175, T. R. Williams W.M. 257, A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, R. Barnes W.M. 342, G. Rastrick W.M. 1128, W. Tasker P.M. 1373, D. Phillips W.M. 723, G. Douglas W.M. 1331, J. Smith P.M. 1331, A. Leon Emanuel P.M. 1069, Irvine Harle W.M. 1781, H. Martin Green P.M. 804, M. Emanuel P.M. 359, A. Barfield P.M. 35, R. W. Mitchel W.M. 903, R. Dampier-Child, Edgar Goble I.P.M. 309, J. Parkinson W.M. 1112, J. Clay P.M. 804 P.G.S., J. W. Wilmott P.M. 342, Lavington W.M. 632, Rev. A. G. Barker 694, R. J. Rastrick P.M. 1069, G. Pack P.M. 175, Thomas Lamb I.P.M. 1573, Rev. A. Headley S.W. 309, J. R. Hayman S.W. 257, J. Gieve S.W. 1069, H. J. Andrews J.W. 1776, George Mason J.W. 1834, W. E. Atkins, F. H. de Rheims, &c. The usual reports of committees were presented and adopted, and the committees for auditing the accounts and managing Provincial Grand Lodge funds re-appointed. Bro. Mark E. Frost was unanimously

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re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. G. Wyatt P.M. 151, moved a resolution to the effect that a code of provincial bye-laws be prepared for the rule and guidance of the Lodges within the province, and that a committee, consisting of the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G. Sec., be appointed to draw up and present the same at the next provincial meeting. This resolution was duly seconded, and unanimously agreed to. It was decided, on the proposition of Bro. Le Feuvre P.G. Sec., that a new banner should be obtained, inscribed with the arms of the P.G.M. The P.G.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. W. Hickman	Dep. Prov. Grand Master	
Capt. Martin P.M. 1461 (Clausentum)	Prov. Grand	S. Warden
H. Brouncker P.M. and W.M. 132 (Unity)	,,	J. Warden
Rev. A. G. Barker 694 (Oakley)	,,	Chaplain
Rev. A. A. Headley S.W. 309 (Harmony, Fareham)	,,	,,
Lamb I.P.M. 1373 (St. Hubert)	,,	Registrar
Mark E. Frost P.M. 903 (Portsmouth)	,,	Treasurer
A. J. Miller 359 (Peace and Harmony)	,,	Secretary
Sharpe P.M. 130 (Royal Gloucester)	,,	S. Deacon
A. Leon Emanuel P.M. 1069 (United Brothers, Southsea)	,,	J. Deacon
Tasker (Andover)	,,	S. of Works
R. Barnes W.M. 342 (Royal Sussex, Portsea)	,,	Dir. of Cir.
W. Bowyer P.M. and Sec. 1461 (Clausentum)	,,	A.D. of Cir.
G. Douglas W.M. 1331 (Aldershot Camp)	,,	Swd. Bearer
Jones 151 (Albany)	,,	Organist
Harle 1730 (Albert Edward)	,,	Pursuivant
F. Carter W.M. 175 (East Medina), A. Jolliffe 195 (Hengist), Pulley 723 (Panmure), Liddell 804 (Carnarvon, Havant), and Parkinson 1112 (Shirley)	,,	Stewards
Briggs and Evell	,,	Tylers

In appointing Bro. Miller as Prov. Grand Secretary, the Prov. Grand Master referred, with expressions of regret, to the resignation of Bro. Le Feuvre, who has performed the duties of the office in a most satisfactory manner since 1859. After having invested the Officers, the Prov. Grand Master spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the invaluable services rendered to the Province by Bro. Le Feuvre, and moved that a vote of thanks be passed to him for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office, and that the same be entered on the minutes. Bro. Sharpe P.M. 130 suggested that the vote should be inscribed on vellum and presented in that form, and a further suggestion was made by Bro. Leon Emanuel that the Prov. Grand Secretary should at the same time be presented with a jewel in recognition of his services. These suggestions were embodied in the original resolution of the Prov. Grand Master, which was then carried unanimously. Bro. Le Feuvre briefly acknowledged the compliment. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for having referred so kindly to his services. The work had so much increased of late that he confessed the responsibility overwhelmed him. He felt he could not devote the time necessary for the duties, and said he felt much gratified that he should retire with the good feeling of the Lodge. In his successor, Bro. Miller, he felt assured they would find a most efficient Secretary. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the Foresters' Hall, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.—*Portsmouth Times*, 4th July.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Essex was held on Thursday, at the Town Hall, Colchester, under the presidency of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Lord Tenterden, who was supported by a large number of the members of the Province and visitors from neighbouring Lodges. The first business of the day was the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts, which was satisfactorily accomplished by the Finance Committee. The brethren then assembled, and the R.W. Prov. G. Master having entered the Lodge-room, opened Prov. Grand Lodge. Having been saluted by the assembled brethren, his Lordship proceeded with the business of the day—the first part of which had reference to the confirmation of the minutes of the last Communication, which was held on 2nd July 1879 at Chelmsford, on which occasion the ceremony of installing the then newly-appointed Prov. G. Master in his position was performed amid great rejoicing by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master of England. Since that time the ruler of the Province has officiated at the consecration of a new Lodge in his district, viz., the St. Andrew, No. 1817, at Shoeburyness, which took place on the 22nd July 1879. The minutes having been read, were confirmed, and letters of regret were read from the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that Province, and several others, regretting their inability to attend. The roll of Lodges was then called over, when it was found that all of the Lodges of the Province were represented by either their Master, Past Masters, or some of their Officers. The amount of the contributions from the various Lodges was announced, as also the number of members in each. The total showed that the amount of subscriptions for the year was £61 13s, total number of members 873, an increase of 66 as compared with the number on the roll at the last year's meeting. The Auditor's report was presented, and showed a balance of £138 5s 2d to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In referring to these reports the R.W. Prov. G. Master stated that he considered the reports most satisfactory. As had been announced, there was an increase in the membership of the Province of 66 brethren. He had had the pleasure of consecrating, since the last meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, a new Lodge—the St. Andrew's, at Shoeburyness—and he learnt from the Deputy Prov. G. Master, who had a local knowledge, that that Lodge was now in a most prosperous condition. As regarded their financial position, he referred with pleasure to that; the account showed a balance on the installation item which reflected the greatest credit on the brethren of Chelmsford who had undertaken the arrangements for that ceremony. He considered, and he felt all must agree with him, that everything passed off on that occasion most satisfactorily. Although he had not had an opportunity during the year of visiting the Lodges of the district, he yet looked with great pleasure for the summonses for the regular meetings, and scanned them attentively to see if any thing appeared thereon which required his attention, but so smoothly was every thing transacted in the Province, that he had not found any occasion for his interference. He concluded by congratulating the members on the very satisfactory condition of Freemasonry in the district. His lordship then proclaimed Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G.C. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and that brother was saluted in form. The other officers for the year were appointed as follow:—E. Hennemeyer I.P.M. 51 G.S.W., B. A. Arnold I.P.M. 1799 J.G.W., A. Durrant P.M. 276 G. Treas., T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 G. Sec., J. P. Britton 433 G. Chaplain, E. Humpherys P.M. 1124 G. Registrar, J. S. Brown W.M. 276 G.S.D., J. C. Johnstone I.P.M. 1000 J.G.D., A. Lucking D.M. 160 G.D. of Cer., T. Simpson P.M. 1280 Assist. G.D. of Cers., W. H. Glasse P.M. 453 Supt. of Works, T. Eustace W.M. 697 G.S. Bearer, C. Osmond 51 G. Organist, C. Eltham W.M. 1817 G. Purs., Mead 276, Lewin 276, Gosling 697, Hempson 650, Sadler 51, Manning 1457, &c., Stewards. Previous to the appointment of these Officers, the Provincial Grand Treasurer was re-elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren. This was also the case with the Grand Tyler. The balance remaining on the installation account was voted to one of the Masonic Charities, to be paid in the name of the Master of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, in recognition of the part the brethren thereof took in the arrangements for the installation ceremony. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Essex Asylum for Idiots, and acknowledged by Bro. Turner, the Secretary of that Institution. Five guineas was also voted to the volunteer fire brigade of Colchester, for which it was said funds were needed. In putting this vote to the meeting, the Prov. Grand Master expressed a hope that none of those present would ever need the assistance of the body they were about to support. It was then proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the Girls' School, but it being pointed out that there was already ten guineas voted to the Charities, which might go to the Girls' School, an amendment was proposed that the sum of thirty guineas, viz., ten to each of the three Institutions, should be voted, which amendment, on being put to the brethren, was carried. The question of the advisability of co-operation as regarded the Charity votes of the Province was then brought forward, and after considerable discussion the subject was referred to the Prov. Grand Officers of the year to decide what should be done. Other items of routine business having been transacted, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Cups Hotel, where the banquet was served. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master presided, and at its conclusion, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the Prov. Grand Master proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. With this toast he desired to add the names of the other members of the Royal Family, more especially those connected with the Craft. He had lately had the honour of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Master of the Alpha Lodge, of which he (Lord Tenterden) was at the present time the I.P.M. He therefore felt that there was some link between the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex and the other members of the Royal Family, as both the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold were also members of the Alpha Lodge, the membership of which is limited to the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. This toast having been honoured, that of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present followed. It was the good fortune of the Chairman to be acquainted both personally and Masonically with the Pro Grand Master of England. He thought it hardly necessary to sing the praises of his lordship on the present occasion, as most, if not all, of those present had an opportunity last year to judge for themselves of his fitness for the position he occupied. On the present occasion they had the pleasure of having the company of several representatives of Grand Lodge. Among others there was Bro. Arnold, who, as most of them were aware, was for many years personally connected with their Province of Essex, for a long time occupying the position of Prov. Grand Chaplain. He considered it was such brethren as Bro. Arnold, who cheerfully undertook any work required of them, who added lustre to the Craft. Their old Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Matthew Clark (whose name was received with loud cheers) was also a member of Grand Lodge, but inasmuch as he was so well known, and so universally respected among the Essex brethren, it was unnecessary to refer at any length to his qualifications. Of Bro. Lucia, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, he should have to say a few words later on, so for the present he would confine himself to merely mentioning his name, as also in the case as regarded their present Deputy, Bro. S. R. Wigram. Bro. Arnold responded to the toast: He thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid the Grand Officers of England. It was twenty-five years since he first passed the chair of a Lodge, which was in the Province of Essex; since that time he had ever looked upon Essex as his Masonic home, and had striven to advance the interests of the Craft in that district. Although he had left it for upwards of thirteen years, he was always gratified to learn that Freemasonry was flourishing there, and often had the pleasure of joining in one or other of its Masonic celebrations. Bro. Wigram then proposed the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. As it was said good wine needed no bush, he might say that this toast needed no words of praise from him. The company had had an opportunity of judging for themselves of Lord Tenterden's ability to carry out the work of his office, and he felt sure would unite in drinking his health most heartily. His lordship having thanked the brethren, said he felt sure that the

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grat it in a stoke of elm or aller and it shall bere redd apiys."

"Yf an olde tree begynne to waxe drye, in this wyse quycken hym ageyne, see that the erthe about the roetis be done away and cleue two or iij. of the grettist roetis with an axe and putte a wedge off tree in to the cliuing and hele the roetis ageyn wyth the same erthe."

A collection of old wills and wills made by eccentric persons would furnish plenty of interesting matter for reading. Thus, according to Stow, one Margaret Atkinson, widow, by her will, dated 18th October 1544, ordered, "That the next Sunday after her burial, there be provided two Dozen of Bread, a Kilderkin of Ale, two Gammons of Bacon, three Shoulders of Mutton, and two couple of Rabbits. Desiring all the Parish, as well Rich as Poor, to take their part thereof; and a table set in the midst of the Church with everything necessary thereto."

The same chronicler records how, in 1560, in the Church of St. Mary Wolnoth's, "were married three daughters of one Mr. Atkinson, a scrivener, together. They were, in their Hair and goodly Apparel, set out with Chains, Pearls, and Stones. Thus they went to Church, all three one after another, with their goodly caps garnished with Laces, gilt, and fine Flowers and Rosemary strewed for them coming home; and so to the Father's house; where was a great dinner prepared for his said three Bride-daughters with their Bridegrooms and Companions."

We must apologise for having reversed the order of things, and having first given a brief account of part of the will of a deceased widow lady, and followed it up with a short note on a marriage, reserved the few words we have to say about a christening till the last. There is an excuse, however, for so unusual a course. The people who were present at this christening were grandees, and we all know that in a procession the most important personages come towards the end. At all events it will not be uninteresting to know that in 1562, "Was christened Mildred Hervey, Daughter of William Hervey, alias Clarencieux King-at-Arms, in the Parish of St. Bride's. The Godfather was the Master of the Rolls; and her Godmothers Lady Bacon and Lady Cecil, sisters; one wife to the Lord Keeper, the other to the Queen's Secretary. It was concluded with a great banquet consisting of Wafers and Hypocras; French, Gascoign, and Rhenish Wines."

This Hypocras must have been a delicate compound, if we may judge from the following "Reasaite to make Ypocras" which we have culled from Arnold's Chronicle:—"For a galon and a pynt of red wy take synamon iij. vncis, gynger tryed an vnce, greynes and longe peper di. vnce, cloves and masys, a q'rt of an vnce, spignerd a quatir of an once, suger ijlb."

The herring, unless it take the form of a bloater, though one of the most delicate of fish, is not perhaps exactly despised by many people, but it is undoubtedly looked down upon as a fish for "common folk." This may be true enough if by "common folk" are meant people of small means, but those who sneer at the herring because of its cheapness, as they do at everything which is sold at a low price, deserve a horse-whipping for their silly pride. Of course there may be those who do not care for herrings, as there are who are indifferent to salmon, turbot, eels, &c., &c. It is not these, but the people who condemn a thing in ignorance of its merits, whom we are speaking against. Nor need any one be ashamed of a dish of herrings, when it is remembered that in old times herrings were reckoned a dainty dish to set before the King, and what the sovereign eats, a subject need not despise. Thus the old town of Yarmouth was bound by ancient charter to send annually to the king one hunderd herrings baked in twenty-four pies or pasties, while in the reign of Edward I. Eustace de Corson, Thomas de Berkedich and Robert de Withen held thirty acres of land on the tenure of supplying annually for the King's use twenty-four pasties of fresh herrings on that fish first coming into season.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 9th AUGUST.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 9
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1698—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

TUESDAY, 10th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
826—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 11th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
787—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R. A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1812—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
K.T. Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
786—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1047—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 476—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
Metropolitan Council, Time Immemorial, Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 4. Installation

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Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Notwithstanding the counter attraction of the holidays this Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, had a good attendance on Tuesday last, when the following brethren assembled:—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Watson S.W., Pavitt J.W., Myers S.D., Worsley J.D., Brownsom I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; Hedges, Rawe, Keable, White, Nash, Sadler, Wiltshire, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hedges acting as candidate. The first four sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Worsley assisted by the brethren. Brother Hedges 834 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Watson was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The committee for making arrangements for the summer outing are requested to meet at seven on Tuesday next. This Lodge tenders a hearty welcome to all comers.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 29th July. Present:—Bros. G. Coop W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., F. Millsom S.D., J. J. Clarke J.D., C. E. Botley I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas. and Prec., J. Wells Secretary; Bros. A. Jones, W.

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Seward jun., J. R. Fernee, G. S. Wright, C. Meadows, C. E. Porter, H. Youens, S. Smout sen. S.W. No. 1642, S. Smout jun. J.W. 1642, G. Davis S.W. 167, Ward S.W. 511, Wood 511, Rogers 1642, Buckland 1642, Gomm jun. 780, C. O. Walter, F. Botley, Smith. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. W. W. Buckland answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and, the Lodge having been opened in the third degree, was duly raised. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. G. Davis, in a very able manner, worked the fourth section of the lecture. Bros. S. Smout sen. and W. W. Rogers, of Lodge 1642, were unanimously elected members. Bro. G. Coop read a letter from Bro. Burr, enclosing his (Bro. Burr's) resignation of the office of Secretary of the Benevolent Association in connection with this Lodge, and Bro. E. C. Porter was unanimously elected to succeed him. Bro. C. Andrews P.M. was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Gleanings from Old Chronicles, &c.

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THE following epitaph from one of the City Churches will be found in a later edition of old Stow, published about the middle of last century :—

Hic jacet *Tom Shorthose*,
Sine Tombe, sine Sheet, sine Riches,
Qui vivit sine Gowne,
Sine Cloake, sine Shirt, sine Breeches.

The following recipes from an old dissertation on "The Crafte of Graffyng and Plantinge of Trees and altering of Fruites as well in Colours as in Taste," are commended to the notice of those among our readers who take an interest in gardening operations :—

"Yf thou wyl make aplys redd' take a graf of an apyll tree and graf it in a stoke of elm or aller and it shall bere redd aplys."

"Yf an olde tree begynne to waxe drye, in this wyse quycken hym ageyne, see that the erthe about the roetis be done away and clene two or iij. of the grettist roetis with an axe and putte a wedge off tree in to the cliuing and hele the roetis ageyn wyth the same erthe."

A collection of old wills and wills made by eccentric persons would furnish plenty of interesting matter for reading. Thus, according to Stow, one Margaret Atkinson, widow, by her will, dated 18th October 1544, ordered, "That the next Sunday after her burial, there be provided two Dozen of Bread, a Kilderkin of Ale, two Gammons of Bacon, three Shoulders of Mutton, and two couple of Rabbits. Desiring all the Parish, as well Rich as Poor, to take their part thereof; and a table set in the midst of the Church with everything necessary thereto."

The same chronicler records how, in 1560, in the Church of St. Mary Wolnoth's, "were married three daughters of one Mr. Atkinson, a scrivener, together. They were, in their Hair and goodly Apparel, set out with Chains, Pearls, and Stones. Thus they went to Church, all three one after another, with their goodly caps garnished with Laces, gilt, and fine Flowers and Rosemary strewed for them coming home; and so to the Father's house; where was a great dinner prepared for his said three Bride-daughters with their Bridegrooms and Companions."

We must apologise for having reversed the order of things, and having first given a brief account of part of the will of a deceased widow lady, and followed it up with a short note on a marriage, reserved the few words we have to say about a christening till the last. There is an excuse, however, for so unusual a course. The people who were present at this christening were grandees, and we all know that in a procession the most important personages come towards the end. At all events it will not be uninteresting to know that in 1562, "Was christened Mildred Hervey, Daughter of William Hervey, alias Clarencieux King-at-Arms, in the Parish of St. Bride's. The Godfather was the Master of the Rolls; and her Godmothers Lady Bacon and Lady Cecil, sisters; one wife to the Lord Keeper, the other to the Queen's Secretary. It was concluded with a great banquet consisting of Wafers and Hypocras; French, Gascoign, and Rheniah Wines."

This Hypocras must have been a delicate compound, if we may judge from the following "Ressaite to make Ypocras" which we have culled from Arnold's Chronicle :—"For a galon and a pynt of red wy take synamon iij. vncis, gynger tryed an vnce, greynes and longe peper di. vnce, cloves and masys, a q'rt of an vnce, spignerd a quatir of an once, suger ijlb."

The herring, unless it take the form of a bloater, though one of the most delicate of fish, is not perhaps exactly despised by many people, but it is undoubtedly looked down upon as a fish for "common folk." This may be true enough if by "common folk" are meant people of small means, but those who sneer at the herring because of its cheapness, as they do at everything which is sold at a low price, deserve a horse-whipping for their silly pride. Of course there may be those who do not care for herrings, as there are who are indifferent to salmon, turbot, eels, &c., &c. It is not these, but the people who condemn a thing in ignorance of its merits, whom we are speaking against. Nor need any one be ashamed of a dish of herrings, when it is remembered that in old times herrings were reckoned a dainty dish to set before the King, and what the sovereign eats, a subject need not despise. Thus the old town of Yarmouth was bound by ancient charter to send annually to the king one hunderd herrings baked in twenty-four pies or pasties, while in the reign of Edward I. Eustace de Corson, Thomas de Berkedich and Robert de Withen held thirty acres of land on the tenure of supplying annually for the King's use twenty-four pasties of fresh herrings on that fish first coming into season.

BANK HOLIDAY.

THE Bank Holiday folk were not as highly favoured by the Clerk of the Weather as might have been expected at this time of the year. The early morning was dull, and showers fell at intervals during the day. But this does not seem to have have had a deterrent effect. Those on pleasure bent turned out in their thousands, and long before the hour when the milkman starts on his early rounds, the metropolitan stations and termini were crowded with intending passengers, thousands of whom were soon being rapidly whirled away to this or that seaside or inland resort. Special attractions were, of course, offered at the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces, the North Woolwich and Rosherville Gardens, the managers and proprietors having their reward in the liberal patronage of large sections of the public. The Palace at Sydenham had just over 40,000 visitors, but its rival at Muswell may boast of having been visited by not far short of 108,000 persons, the exact number registered by the turnstiles of those who paid for admission being 107,852. This, we believe, is by far the largest number of people that has attended this or the other Palace on any public holiday, and the result speaks volumes for the energy and determination to please everybody exhibited by Mr. Willing. The programme comprised no less than thirty-nine events, among them being a cricket match in which the Clown Cricketers took part; a polo match of a similarly ludicrous character; a balloon ascent by the veteran Mr. Coxwell; ballet dancing, assaults-at-arms, conjuring, dramatic representations, &c., &c., &c. The Mohawk Minstrels gave two performances—at 3 and 8 p.m.—both on Monday and Tuesday, in the large Concert Room of the Agricultural Hall, which they have now tenanted for some seven years, and an excellent programme, specially prepared for the occasion, drew crowded houses at all four performances. Messrs. Kavanagh, C. Temple, H. Florence, V. Layton, C. Garland, with the Brothers Ray, the Brothers Francis, Messrs. W. Freeman, F. Diamond, &c., &c., Master Roland Howell, and Little Thomas, were each and all applauded for their several contributions. Another and entirely new entertainment which has already established itself firmly in the good opinion of the London public is the Haverly United Mastodon Minstrels, which opened on Saturday last, at Her Majesty's, to a full house, and has since received gratifying evidences of the favourable impression caused by its first appearance in this country. The troupe is a numerous one, mustering over forty vocalists and instrumentalists together. Among the former are some good voices, among the latter several skilled executants. The Company is strong in its corner men, and the rendering of the programme throughout, whether we have regard to the pathetic ballads, which are so marked a feature of these entertainments, or the comic refrains and breakdowns, for which they are equally famous, left nothing to be desired. In one respect they deserve unstinted praise: everything went smoothly and satisfactorily, without hitch or delay of any kind—a circumstance which shows the magnificent state of discipline to which the Company has been brought. We may add that the State Apartments at Windsor Castle, which, in the absence of the Court at Osborne, are now open to the public, were visited by over five thousand people on this the last of the four days set apart annually to the glorification of St. Lubbock.

We understand from the *City Press* that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. has graciously accepted an invitation to dine with Lord Mayor Sir F. W. Truscott at the Mansion House some time during the month of October. His Lordship will entertain the Grand Master in his capacity of Grand Junior Warden and W.M. for the second time of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1 on the roll of G. Lodge of England.

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Masonic Charities which, unknown to the present generation of Freemasons, would prove most interesting, and for this purpose we again announce our willingness to insert authenticated communications bearing on the subject with which any of our readers may favour us.

Looking through an old minute book belonging to one of the "Ancient" Lodges, which has been kindly left for our inspection, we came across an entry bearing reference to the present Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, which strikes us as being something of a novelty. Doubtless there are many brethren still alive who took a part in the formation of that Charity, who could give us information respecting the proposal to which the minute we now extract refers, and to such as these we appeal for what we feel sure would be looked upon as a matter of great interest by the large body of Freemasons who support our Charities. The extract, which is taken from the minutes of the Lodge held on 21st April 1835, is in the following terms :—

> The W.M. gave notice that on the ensuing Lodge night he should submit a motion to the following effect, viz :—That the members of this Lodge do subscribe one halfpenny per day towards the funds for the erection of the intended Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, it being understood that by the unanimous co-operation of the Fraternity this trifling subscription will in three years complete the desired object.

From the minutes of the ensuing meeting it appears that this motion was regularly brought forward, and, on being put to the meeting, was seconded by a Bro. Harriott, and carried unanimously. We should like to know what subscriptions, if any, resulted from this vote on the part of the members of this Lodge, and if the movement was generally supported throughout other of the Lodges. The original document to the members of the various Lodges for such a vote (we assume it was an universal application) would be interesting, as being perhaps one of the first circulars issued in connection with the foundation of this Charity. Can any of our subscribers favour us with a copy?

DISTRICT G. LODGE OF TASMANIA.

THE third Annual Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hobart Town, on the sixth of May last, on which occasion the District Grand Master (Bro. W. Simmons Hammond) presided in person, being supported by most of his Officers. From the report of the D.G. Secretary we learn that Freemasonry in this part of the world is in a fairly prosperous condition, the four Lodges at present working there (viz. Nos. 536, 618, 719 and 801) possessing at March last a total of 209 members, of whom twenty-eight are returned as having been initiated since the last returns. Lodge No. 719 is the only one of the four which receives special mention in the report. That, during the year, was removed from Stanley to Hamilton-on-Forth, the ceremony of re-opening the

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

COMMENTING, a few weeks since, on some information we placed before our readers respecting the early history of the Boys' School, we expressed a hope that further items of interest in connection with our three Charities would from time to time reach us. As we then pointed out, we consider there is very much of the earlier doings of the Masonic Charities which, unknown to the present generation of Freemasons, would prove most interesting, and for this purpose we again announce our willingness to insert authenticated communications bearing on the subject with which any of our readers may favour us.

Looking through an old minute book belonging to one of the "Ancient" Lodges, which has been kindly left for our inspection, we came across an entry bearing reference to the present Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, which strikes us as being something of a novelty. Doubtless there are many brethren still alive who took a part in the formation of that Charity, who could give us information respecting the proposal to which the minute we now extract refers, and to such as these we appeal for what we feel sure would be looked upon as a matter of great interest by the large body of Freemasons who support our Charities. The extract, which is taken from the minutes of the Lodge held on 21st April 1835, is in the following terms:—

> The W.M. gave notice that on the ensuing Lodge night he should submit a motion to the following effect, viz:—That the members of this Lodge do subscribe one halfpenny per day towards the funds for the erection of the intended Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, it being understood that by the unanimous co-operation of the Fraternity this trifling subscription will in three years complete the desired object.

From the minutes of the ensuing meeting it appears that this motion was regularly brought forward, and, on being put to the meeting, was seconded by a Bro. Harriott, and carried unanimously. We should like to know what subscriptions, if any, resulted from this vote on the part of the members of this Lodge, and if the movement was generally supported throughout other of the Lodges. The original document to the members of the various Lodges for such a vote (we assume it was an universal application) would be interesting, as being perhaps one of the first circulars issued in connection with the foundation of this Charity. Can any of our subscribers favour us with a copy?

DISTRICT G. LODGE OF TASMANIA.

THE third Annual Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hobart Town, on the sixth of May last, on which occasion the District Grand Master (Bro. W. Simmons Hammond) presided in person, being supported by most of his Officers. From the report of the D.G. Secretary we learn that Freemasonry in this part of the world is in a fairly prosperous condition, the four Lodges at present working there (viz. Nos. 536, 618, 719 and 801) possessing at March last a total of 269 members, of whom twenty-eight are returned as having been initiated since the last returns. Lodge No. 719 is the only one of the four which receives special mention in the report. That, during the year, was removed from Stanley to Hamilton-on-Forth, the ceremony of re-opening the Lodge and installing the officers being performed on 19th November 1879, by the D.G. Master. The application for the removal of the Lodge was signed by twenty-five members, which number has been increased since the removal by eight gentlemen who have received Masonic light within its portals, so that the number of members at the present time is 33. The D.G. Secretary announces that the re-organisation of the Lodge has been hailed with much satisfaction by the brethren of the neighbourhood, and he anticipates a great accession of members. The other three Lodges which are accredited to this district (Nos. 691, 800 and 1517) are not at present working, but it is expected that a dispensation will shortly be asked for to sanction the removal of No. 691 to a locality where its re-organisation would be attended with satisfactory results, there apparently not being room for two Lodges in Launceston, although we may reasonably expect an alteration in this state of affairs at no very distant date, the Lodge of Hope, No. 618, the other Lodge working there, having a membership at March of 62, of whom nine had been initiated since the previous returns were made up. The Derwent Lodge, No. 800, warranted as far back as 1859, "still remains unconstituted," a fact which in our opinion should have long since led to the cancelling of the warrant. By the Book of Constitutions we are taught that "the precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their Constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge," and this being the case we think it would be unfair to those Lodges which have been started since the date of its warrant to permit any such violation of the spirit of our laws. As, however, the Wardens nominated in the warrant have been communicated with, to ascertain if there is a probability of the Lodge being constituted within a reasonable time, and informed that unless a favourable reply is immediately received that constitutional measures will be adopted to enforce the return of the warrant, we may assume that the District Grand Lodge is alive to the fact, and is prepared to carry into effect the laws of the Craft relating to the case. Similar action should we think be taken in the case of Pembroke Lodge, No. 1517, the warrant for which is dated 1874, and which up to the present time has never commenced operations, the W.M. nominate still requesting that its constitution may be deferred for the present, in hopes that circumstances may shortly render the opening of the Lodge practicable. We should be sorry to advise anything which would tend to prevent the extension of Masonic knowledge, but we think the idea of allowing warrants to remain so long outstanding without the Lodge being constituted, can but be detrimental to the Craft, as it seems to old out a premium for adventurous brethren to unite in forming a Lodge for which in the ordinary course it would be deemed advisable to withhold permission. We hope the D.G. Master of Tasmania will take into consideration the advisability of calling in both of these outstanding warrants, as we feel sure it is for the interest of the Order that they should be in official keeping. The receipts since the formation of the D.G. Lodge are stated as £81 17s 2d, of which sum £20 6s has been remitted to Grand Lodge, and £58 13s expended in general matters, as authorised by the Committee of General Purposes, leaving a balance of £2 14s 2d in the Bank. The only liability is one of £97 19s 1d due to the D.G. Master, being the amount paid by him for regalia and clothing, but this is subject to a reduction of ten guineas, a donation which Bro. Hammond presents to D.G. Lodge in lieu of a fee, the payment of which was disapproved by the Grand Secretary. The appointment of Officers, and members of the respective committees was

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proceeded with in due course, and previous to closing the D.G. Lodge, the following proposition put by Bro. F. H. Wise, who acted as Deputy D.G.M., was carried unanimously, "That the Members of this District Grand Lodge, in D.G.L. assembled, desire to record their grateful acknowledgments and cordial thanks to the R.W. the District Grand Master, Bro. W. S. Hammond, for the great and untiring interest manifested by him for the welfare, advancement, and extension of our Order, and for his liberality, courteousness, and valuable assistance, which has so materially aided in placing the Masonic business of the District in its present satisfactory state."

DISTRICT G. LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND, NEW ZEALAND (E.C.)

WE learn from the *New Zealand Freemason* that, at the May Communication of this D.G. Lodge, held at Dunedin on 13th May, the D.G. Master took the opportunity of congratulating the brethren on the prospect of their being able to meet in a hall belonging to the Craft. A suitable building had, he said, been purchased almost in the centre of the city, and he hoped the project would meet with the support it merited. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Fish D.D.G.M.—who at a later period expressed his intention of himself taking twenty-five shares :—"That the D. Grand Lodge vote £25 towards shares in the Hall Company." In commenting on the project, that brother expressed a hope that the brethren would not attempt more than they could do, and that they would borrow as little as possible. It appears that the purchase of the synagogue, the building proposed, was to be effected the following day (14th May), so that we may look forward speedily to hear of the arrangements being completed.

MASONRY AND THE INDIANS.

THE reproduction in these columns of an article or story from those of an American or other Masonic publication, does not, as a rule, stand in need of any preface ; but to the interesting story bearing the above title is attached a little history. It seems that it was published, thirty years since, in the *Masonic Review*, then the property of, and edited by, that able and veteran Masonic journalist Bro. Cornelius Moore. As our readers know, thirty years is the period of time allotted to a generation, and many people may have imagined that the writer of this story had long since passed away. At all events the *Hebrew Leader* would appear to have laboured under that impression, and with such alterations as are necessary in order to give an air of originality to the appropriated article, to have reproduced it without one single word of acknowledgment. Bro. Moore, however, we rejoice to say, is alive, and as hale and hearty as ever, and has "spotted," and with becoming, yet not undue, severity commented upon this unacknowledged appropriation of one of his own experiences. We can cordially sympathise with Bro. Moore, and fully endorse his criticism.

The city of Cincinnati in 1859 was visited by a party of Indian chiefs and warriors from the northern part of Wisconsin and around Lake Superior, on their way to Washington City, on business with the government. The company remained there several days, giving exhibitions of Indian dances and other things peculiar to their race. They were attended by a half-breed as interpreter, by the name of John B. Martell, a gentleman residing at the Sault Ste. Marie, and holding a military commission under the State of Michigan. Among the company was an old chief by the name of Ka-shee-yash, of the Vieux Desert Band, a fine intelligent looking man, who had breasted the storms of many a northern winter. This old chief was taken ill while there, and our good Bro. Dr. J. S. Unzicker was called in to prescribe for him. During the doctor's visit one of the chiefs was busy arranging some articles in a trunk, and a large piece of birch bark, covered with hieroglyphics, which he had laid on the floor, caught the doctor's eyes. Some of the delineations on the bark being of a Masonic character, induced the doctor to make inquiry concerning it, and was informed that it belonged to the Mit-tah, or Masonry, held so sacred among the tribes of the North-west ; that the old chief he was then attending was the Grand Master of the Order among them, and, that without the knowledge of the interpreter, he had brought the article with him, not being willing to risk its safety at home while he should be absent at Washington. Bro. Unzicker immediately called on the writer and related his discovery, when we waited on the aged chieftain. We were received with dignity, but courteously, and through the interpreter we made many interesting inquiries concerning the nature of this secret association among them, examined the emblems pertaining to it, and learned as much of its mysteries and ceremonies as the old man could be induced to impart to us. This interview and examination were particularly interesting. We found that several of the company belonged to this (Indian) Mystic Order, and when informed that we too were Mit-tah, they gathered around us with the warmest demonstrations of delight. One grim old warrior chieftain with painted face approached us and extended his bony hand, while his eyes brightened with unwonted fire. Placing his other hand upon his heart he turned to the interpreter and requested him to tell us "that his heart was full of it," meaning Mit-tah, or Masonry. The old Grand Master raised his head and pointed with a solemn countenance toward heaven, at the same time giving utterance to some exclamation in his own tongue. A young chief of the Flambeau band, by the name of O-gee-ma-gee-chig, was also present. By his position as heir to the chieftancy of his tribe he was eligible to receive the degrees, but had as yet only been initiated. He approached us with the proud bearing of a young chieftain, but with the deference of a young brother, and took our hand as though he had met with a long absent friend. The head chief of the Wisconsin band was also present, a tall and powerful son of the forest, stern, haughty, and dignified. He also expressed much gratification at our interview. We received from one of these native brethren a present of a most magnificent Indian pipe, cut from a stone of variegated colours, which is found in some particular localities in the North-West. Another made us a present of a stem to suit the pipe, and we have laid both away as memorials of an interview that will long be remembered. In return for these presents we presented them a neat little silver jewel, consisting of a square and a compass, with our name engraved on it. We suppose it will be worn with pleasure by the donee and his successor, for long years to come. We made many inquiries of these Indian Masons (for so we must call them) concerning the origin and nature of their institution. We found they referred it all to the Supreme Being, and all its members were required to be obedient to His laws. They had no knowledge how or when it originated, nor by whom it was introduced among them. Several of their emblems were similar to our own, and some of their ceremonies in conferring the degrees bore a resemblance to ours. They had several degrees (perhaps eight), and we were able to distinguish features of legitimate Masonry up to the Royal Arch. In their ceremonies they use a peculiar white stone, which supplies the place of the Bible in ours, and in many respects there was a distinct resemblance between their Masonry and that existing among civilised men.

More than thirty years ago we wrote the above as an item of current Masonic experience, and published it in our then *Masonic Review*. A few lines at the beginning are slightly changed to suit the purposes of the thief, but the remainder is word for word as we wrote it in detailing our interview with the Indians. We now find the article in the *Masonic Advocate*, credited to the *Hebrew Leader*. The *Advocate* is not to blame, but the *Leader*, or some other party, must have stolen it, "body and breeches." We have not the slightest objection to having our productions republished in other works, but we think we are entitled to credit. The *Leader* probably supposed we were dead years ago, and could no longer speak for ourselves. Other thefts of the same kind have recently occurred which we *may* expose in the hereafter, and by a work which has not even deigned to notice the existence of the *Messenger*.—ED. M.

SOME MASONIC SCRAPS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY AND FAMILY MAGAZINE.

"MASONRY IS IMMORAL." The *Cynosure* claims Masonry to be immoral. Such a claim lays any one who makes it open to the charge of the grossest ignorance. No man who knows anything of its teaching, or who believes the good men who belong to the Order, could ever say anything of the kind and be on the side of truth. Nothing has ever yet been developed in history that even approaches to the charge. If there are immoral men sometimes in the Order that should not be charged against the Order as its immorality. There are immoral and inconsistent men in every society.

"*Masonry's Influence is Dangerous to Religion, Church, and Country.*"—It is easy to make the charge, but where are the witnesses ? What church rises to-day and says it is injured ? What country can lay any of its rebellions or wars at the door of the Order ? The men who claim Masonry as a religion would not embrace a religion of experience, even if they were free from Masonry. The histories of Religion, Church, and Country, are entirely silent as to any injury ever occurring from Masonry. The largest church in numbers, the strongest in finance, and the most prosperous spiritually, and in winning souls to CHRIST, has more Masons in it than any, perhaps all, others. Yet in all its history it has never laid a charge of injury at the door of Masonry.

"*Masonry Encourages Profanity, Fraud, and Intemperance.*"—No! for its vows are over a sacred book that forbids it in every form. If a few of its members are profane that is not the Order, but a few thoughtless men. Prove the charge, brother. It is easier to make a charge than to prove it It declaims against deception, ignores fraud of every kind, and expels for its perpetration any one. Because a few of its members drink, it is not a basis for a charge of intemperance. It retains, many times, for the purpose of saving, and doubtless has saved many a one from a drunkard's grave. And every drinker, as well as every drunkard, should be dealt with by its law.

Masonic Writers are Misunderstood.—Some persons read Masonic articles which delineate the moral elements of Masonry, and then,

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exaggerating their ideas, charge them with elevating Masonry above Christianity. Put on your glasses and read again, brother; you were mistaken.

Masonry Eliminates CHRIST."—No, Mr. Anti! Not to mention the name of a being or person does not eliminate him. Perhaps the place you would have that person named in would be inappropriate. One part of Masonry represents an era before CHRIST, where there being no MESSIAH existing, it was presumed they know Him not. Masonry is consistent with that age. Another part represents a subsequent era where CHRIST is named, honoured, revered, and adored in the highest sense. Masonry is consistent here also. "But Masonic Chaplains do not pray in His name." Yes they do, both in His common appellation, and those of REDEEMER, MESSIAH, and SAVIOUR, but names and prayer have appropriate places; and under certain circumstances these latter titles of our Lord are more appropriate and are used. CHRIST, the REDEEMER, MESSIAH, SAVIOUR is not eliminated.

"*Masonry is a Religion.*"—No! again. Perhaps a few enthusiasts have said so, but the thinking men of the Order have never claimed it, nor do they now. Masonry has no creed, and propagates no such thought. It grows into men's favour; they join, and it teaches good principles which it has gotten from the Bible and human experience. It teaches of GOD and CHRIST; of morality and charity, but has not yet claimed to be a religion.

"Yes, but I know better. I've read its books."

Come, now, be quiet; you were never in the Order; I would wait until I belonged, and knew something about it.

"Yes, but I do know."

How does a man feel with the itch?

"Do you mean to insult me? How do I know? I never had it."

I presumed you would know as much about the itch, which you never had, as you would about Masonry, which you never saw.

Masonic Charities—"Masonry, in its charity, proposes to do what the churches do not do, or will not do.

Tut! tut! Who said so? Come, now, be easy.

"One of your big men said it. He said also that if the churches would do their duty, there would be no room for Masonry."

The churches generally take care of their poor, so do the Masons.

"Do the Masons print and circulate the Bible?"

No; but they teach it in their Lodges, and they build asylums. So do the churches, and they send workers out over the world and preach and bring men to CHRIST. The one does not take the place of the other. Each has a work peculiar to itself, which does not interfere with the other. Their charities are different, but each as perfect as they can make it—full, hearty, and free.

What Makes You a Mason?—Your obligation in Masonry makes you a Mason, as your baptismal vow makes you a Christian. But the baptismal vow only does a part of the work. Your subsequent faith and practice make you a Christian; so it is not merely your ability to recite your ritual that makes you a Mason. It is the element of a pure character that makes the real Mason. We talk so much about the work, the Webb work, the ritual, &c., that, perhaps, some think ritualistic work is real Masonry. No; the ritual is only the explanation. True Masonry is the practice of the principles taught in Masonry.

Masonic Reading.—Generally we do not read enough. With no idea beyond the mere work, the young Mason is apt to think that to be all there is. But if he reads the *Monitor*, hears the lecture, reads Masonic history, learns of Masonic charity, goes into Masonic libraries, he will find that that there is much to read. The Masonic Magazines are full of the finest reading matter, information in history, and a thousand things of interest. Why not have Lodge Libraries; have evenings for reading; the Lodge always open, with books and papers, and a cheerful light, that the Lodge may be a reading as well as working room? Our greatest writers have spent years in gaining their knowledge of which they now write or speak. Educate the younger ones to be reading as well as working Masons. Sometimes ritualism is the highest aim of the novitiate. Why not develop the intellect as well as the working element? Why not cultivate in this as well as many other things?

Corresponding Lodges.—Friends perpetuate friendship by correspondence; why not promote a union of feeling among Lodges as among friends by correspondence? Why not, from among the range of topics now and then arising, correspond for the advice, counsel, or experience of sister Lodges? Why not devote an evening once a month for this purpose? Why have so much monotony? "No work; let us go home." Is the ritualistic work all? Why not have an evening for correspondence, for reading, for social talk? Why not have, sometimes, the free familiar chat that we sometimes have in the home parlour? Thus the cause would be largely promoted.

Who Is My Neighbour?—The true Mason brings no dishonour upon Lodge, church, self, or GOD. His charity is broad; his neighbour is everybody; his benevolence is not confined to the narrow limits of the Lodge; his heart is touched by the woe and sorrow of every one. Colour and race draw no line to his charity. He helps his brother first because he is brother according to the inherent law of humanity, but sees no one who is not a neighbour, and his neighbourly heart makes friends of those in adversity. Your neighbour is not merely him of your household or Lodge, but wherever you find suffering you have found your neighbour. The principle underlying the thought of neighbour has no limit.

Masonic Festival Days a Relic of Barbarism.—Is it barbarism to celebrate "Old Dominion Day?" Does the "Fourth of July" come under that head? When we celebrate the birthday of our grandsire, or the nation's great hero, can we safely be charged with barbarism? No. Nor is it necessary that the name we commemorate be a member of the Order celebrating. In this note we will claim only that Masons celebrate the Saint Johns's Days as to the memory of two great names. In this there is nothing inappropriate. Christians celebrate great names and come within the range of propriety. If theirs is not barbarism, why should ours be so stigmatized? Because those who lay the charge are ignorant of the character of the celebration. If a speaker claims those distinguished men to be Masons and proves it, it then becomes a greater reason for celebrating. The names of those great heroic advocates of the cause of CHRIST should always be celebrated by all Christians and civilized nations.

General Charges.—Masonry is subject to many general charges. It is assailed at all points, but seldom rises in its own defence. It is unwarlike, non-combative; in principle meek, rather suffering injury than returning a blow. It is the advocate of no creed nor sect, hence not dangerous to religion; the advocate of no party, hence not dangerous to government; limited to no nation or race, hence a grand instrument that might finally be used in procuring combined action in many things. It has been advocated that God has, at some future time, a grand use for Masonry; and it is, perhaps, not impossible if it preserves its identity and purity, because it has an international bond of union greater than that of any other band of men. The many charges that are made against the Order should always be met, not in the spirit of defence, but in the form of instruction. The opposers of Masonry make their charges through ignorance, and if they become well informed, that opposition ceases.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

There was a meeting of the General Committee on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. H. W. Hunt in the chair, and Bros. Dewar, R. Stewart, Rosenthal, Perryman, Webb, Tyrrel, Adlard, Gladwell and E. C. Massey. After reading the minutes of the various Committees by the Secretary Bro. Binckes, the sum of £5,000 was ordered to be invested in India stock, thus raising the funded property to the sum of £15,000. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Binckes for his untiring exertions to restore the invested fund which nineteen years ago (then amounting to £13,500) was realized for the re-building of the Schools at Wood Green, and he was congratulated on having more than accomplished that object.

There were no petitions for names to be placed on the list of candidates for election in October; and the granting of three applications for the usual outfit allowance to former scholars ended the business of the meeting.

ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE General Committee met on Wednesday last, when Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton presided. There were also present Bros. Leggott, Rawson, Brett, J. G. Stevens, J. Balmer, J. Quitmann, C. Daniel, C. H. Webb, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, E. C. Massey, W. Hilton, W. Hole, H. T. S. Burney, T. Cubitt, and Bro. Terry Sec. Three deaths of annuitants were reported, and candidates' petitions from Mrs. Cherrill and Mrs. Laing were accepted. The signing of the usual cheques for the quarter's expenses concluded the proceedings.

WARREN CHAPTER, No. 533.

THE consecration of the Warren Chapter, in connection with Eaton Lodge, No. 533, took place on Wednesday, the 4th of August, in the Masonic Hall, Congleton, Cheshire. The ceremony was solemnly and most impressively performed by the P.G. Superintendent of the Province, the Lord de Tabley (after whom the new Chapter is named), aided by the Provincial Grand H. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, and the Provincial Grand J. Companion Francis Smith P.G.Z., and Companion G. W. Latham P.G.E., who had rendered considerable service in the preliminary arrangements of the Charter and the Chapter, &c. The G. Organist, Companion Kirk P.Z., conducted the musical part of the ceremony. The handsome Temple, dedicated to the ceremonies of the Craft Lodge not long ago, had been decorated and painted, and with the new Chapter furniture, looked singularly imposing and appropriate to the higher degree in Freemasonry. The Chapter was opened at 2.30 p.m. by Companion Bulley, of Liverpool, as Z., and Companions Stanhope and Smith acting as H. and J. The P.G.S. Lord De Tabley and his Prov. Officers were received in due form and honour, and after the consecration and dedication ceremony, Companion Bulley, by command of the P.G.S., installed in due and ancient form the Principals designated in the Charter granted by the Supreme Chapter (and which is signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Lathom, the Lord De Tabley, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, &c.), namely, Companions Dr. Robert Beales P.P.G.A.S. Cheshire P.Z. of Love and Friendship, No. 295, as Z., Samuel Franceys Gosling as H., and Andreas Edward Cokayne P.P.G.St.B. as J. The Z. then proceeded with the appointment and investiture of Officers, namely, Companions Dr. Beales Tr., W. Blackshaw E., S. Blackshaw N., Furnivall P.S., John Bradbury A.S., Daniel Kirk A.S., Garside J. The Companions after the close of the Chapter adjourned to the dining hall adjacent, where a banquet, prepared in the kitchen attached to the hall, was well served. The M.E.Z. Dr. Beales presided, supported by the P.G.S. Lord De Tabley, Companions Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, Bulley, Platt, Clarke, Dutton, F. Jackson, Bates, the founders of the new Chapter, and other visiting Companions. The usual toasts were drunk, and hearty good wishes for the success of the Warren Chapter were cordially expressed.

The health of the Countess of Carnarvon has undergone material improvement since her Ladyship's return to Highclere Castle. The Countess is now able to take daily drives in the park and neighbourhood.—*Standard.*

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himself also subsequently a distinguished brother, was proposed and (in November) accepted as joining member of the Lodge. Among donors to the Lodge at this time must be mentioned Bro. Goulding, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for having presented wands for the Deacons, and among sums voted, the amount of one guinea to the Aged Masons' Asylum. In December, Bro. Wilson was unanimously elected Master, Bros. Edgar and Speight being re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively, and after the installation and appointment of Officers a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Kincaid. In the minutes of February 1838 occurs an entry on which some light would seem to be desirable. A proposition is noted to the effect that "the sum of One Guinea be given in aid of the Masonic Tribute Fund." Has this any reference to the testimonial which about this time was presented to the Duke of Sussex? If so, the word "tribute" seems out of place. A testimonial which is not freely given is worth but little. Or does it refer to something of less importance, the word "tribute" being accidentally used in the place of the word "contribution." The minutes, so far as we have had the opportunity of examining them, seem to have been so carefully compiled, that even a slight error should, if possible—and supposing, of course, it is an error—be cleared up.

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"BYLAND."

A Paper read before THE YORK COLLEGE, at a Regular Meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, on the 2nd of June 1880, by W. FRA. T. J. WILKINSON, VI°, Primus Ancient.

R.W. CH. ADEPT AND FRATRES,—In this, which is now a rich and verdant valley, sheltered from the north by the steep and densely-wooded declivities of Hambleton, the monks finally settled, after having wandered from Furness to Hode, and thence to Old Byland, over the summit of the hill, where we are told they were disturbed by the bells of the too-near monastery at Rievaulx; and also that "the territory could not be made convenient for the construction of the Abbey." Roger de Mowbray and Sir Thomas de Colvill, a subinfeudatory of that baron, consequently gave them other lands under the hill of Black-how, and for thirty years they dwelt in the neighbourhood of Kilburn and Oldstead, about three miles from their subsequent resting place, at a place then called Stocking, but of which it is not known that any vestige remains, unless it be associated with an old farmstead which is now known by the name. During this period large tracts of land were added to their possessions, but they became involved in lawsuits with their neighbours; besides which, as a consequence of their prosperity, their old enemy, the Abbott of Furness, revived a claim for jurisdiction, which, on reference, was decided in their favour by Ailred, Abbott of Rievaulx; and in A.D. 1155, Roger of Bishopbridge, Archbishop of York, took this abbey under his immediate protection. They determined therefore to migrate to the site on which they afterwards built the abbey, and of which we now behold the ruins. But as we stand and admire the rich landscape which stretches around us, glorified by the picturesque relics of architectural grandeur, we must not forget the changes effected by the labour of the monks, and that the scene which we now regard with so much enjoyment, was originally but a wooded waste, pent up between the swamp of Whitaker on the south and the rugged hills on the north. The abbeys of the Cistercian Order, of which this was one, were usually situated in lonely mountain valleys, far away from the haunts of men, in accordance with the feeling expressed by St. Bernard, its great apostle, "Believe me, you will find more lessons in the woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you what you cannot learn from masters. Have you forgotten how it is written, 'He made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock?' You have need not so much of reading as of prayer; and thus may God open your hearts to understand His law and His commandments." Their rule was a very strict one:—"Silence was to prevail throughout the monastery, and everything which might provoke laughter was to be avoided. No one was allowed to speak unasked, and the head and eyes were to be inclined downwards. The inmates of the monastery were to rise two hours after midnight for divine service, and every week the Psalter was to be sung throughout. All were to leave the church together at a sign from the Abbot, lamps were kept burning in their dormitories, and they were required to sleep clothed, with their girdles on. The habits and goods of the house were to be in the hands of proper officers, and the Abbot was required to keep an account of them. No private property was allowed, and distribution was made according to every one's necessities. The monks were to serve weekly, and by turns, in the kitchen and at the table. Upon leaving their weekly service, both he that left and he that succeeded were to wash the feet of the others, and on Saturdays they were to clean all the plates belonging to the house, and resign them to the cellarer, who was to give them to him whose turn it was to serve. Those who thus served had an extra allowance of victuals, in order that they might wait upon the others cheerfully. The silence which reigned throughout the monastery was unbroken during dinner, except by reading the Scriptures. They were read by a brother who was appointed for a week. There were to be two different dishes at dinner, together with fruit. One pound of bread was the daily allowance, and three-quarters of a pint of wine. From Holy Rood Day (14th Sept.) to Lent they dined at nones (three o'clock); during Lent till Easter they dined at six; from Easter till Whitsuntide, and during summer, they dined at sext, i.e., about noon, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, on which days they dined at nones. A collation or spiritual lecture was to take place every night before song, and after night song silence was again observed. If any were tardy in attending church or table they were punished by degradation, or by being deprived of part of their food. They were to work from prime till ten o'clock from Easter till Holy Rood Day; and from ten to twelve they were ordered to read. After dinner the noon sleep was allowed for those who chose; and after nones they were to labour until the even." These rules slackened in time; but in the 12th century St. Bernard recalled the monasteries to their severer practice. This Order was introduced into England about the year 1128; its foundations very rapidly spread over the country; its houses in Yorkshire were very numerous; and they were invariably dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. It has been described as a middle-class Order, not much learned in book-lore, but consisting of tillers of the ground—the great farmers of the age. It is necessary we should bear in mind that the monks were not merely "devout," but were builders, blacksmiths, carpenters, and of all trades.

A charming view of this abbey is obtained from the Oldstead road, a few yards from the ancient gateway, the arch of which still spans the road. The adjoining postern has been destroyed. The hoary old porter with shaven scalp and keys of "trewest stele" has disappeared, and we pass through without challenge: but we feel that we are on the track of regal pomp and lordly retinue to precincts where the friendly traveller ever found a welcome, for we are assured that the tables of the refectory—one of which is now the communion-table in Thirsk Church—and the *bonhommie* of the monks never failed to sustain the hospitable character of the abbey. But it is now beautiful in desolation, and the west end of the west end of the church presents a striking picture with its solitary turret pointing like a finger heavenwards, bard by the broken sweep of its magnificent circular window. Fragments of wall, column and arch, laden with dense masses of ivy and bryony, stand here and there indicating the area the edifice covered, and the height to which it towered.

As in examining the structure we find indications of different periods in the erection, it is probable that only so much of the church as was necessary for the daily offices was completed in the year 1177, and that it was extended and the domestic portion added by degrees afterwards. Its ground plan is like that of most other churches of the Order—a long nave with narrow aisles, two short transepts, and a short choir, but it possesses special features of its own. It is remarkable as having a treforium traversing its nave, transept, and choir, and it possesses three other peculiarities not to be found in any other Cistercian house in the kingdom:—the nave of extreme length, the transept with a western as well as an eastern aisle, and the choir with a transverse aisle at its extremity. The western extremities of the south and north aisles show a difference of treatment both externally and internally, the former and probably the older, having a round-headed door-way, and over it a round headed window, and the latter a pointed arch. Nine arches over the central doorway, beautifully finished, are lancet-shaped, three of them pierced, and these are surmounted by the magnificent circular window, already referred to, 26 feet in diameter, most picturesquely graceful in the broken outline of its ruined condition. It appears to have had no mullions or spokes, the glass having possibly been enclosed in a wooden rim or frame, like those of the lights of the choir. Corbels indicate that there was formerly a Galilee porch attached to the west front of the nave, a fact corroborated by the desire expressed by one William Tiplady, in his will in 1426, to be buried in the Galilee of St. Mary's Abbey, at Byland.

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DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION.

Boston, Mass, February 6, 1880.—One of the most disgraceful exhibitions ever witnessed in a church in a city was given to-night in the Chamber Street Presbyterian Church, when two clergymen, Rev. J. P. Stoddard and D. P. Rathbun, of Iowa, undertook to expose Masonry. Last night the first meeting was held, but the audience was not so large as the one present this evening. The object of the expostures is to break up the Order, by divulging the secrets. They say that Masonry is organized infidelity, and in the interest of religion they seek its overthrow. Both the gentlemen claim to be Masons, and they announced their intention to hold up the rights and ceremonies to ridicule. The forms and oaths necessary to taking the first degree were illustrated by the exposers. They were assisted by eight or ten persons, and all were attired in Masonic regalia. The pulpit served as a Lodge room, three large, lighted candles being arranged in a row in front, and the Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Worshipful Master, and other officers, in the persons of clergymen and others, being seated behind and on the sides. The "candidate," an individual whose skin had apparently not seen soap and water for many days, was about an hour and a half in passing through the ordeal, and as the "ceremony" developed the scene became disgraceful, and many ladies left, the remaining spectators also becoming restless. The "candidate," while taking the degree, was dressed, according to the "exposers" in the customary manner, but this was simply disgusting, as his only garments were an old blue flannel undershirt and white under-draws, the left leg of which was rolled up to the knee. Over his eyes was a green shade such as is worn at night by the working force of a newspaper office. Here, barefooted, with one leg bared and only partially clad, the candidate received his instructions from the various Grand Officers, and then came the administration of the various oaths. An immense crowd filled the building, and during the performance of the disgusting farce the wildest confusion prevailed. Hymn books were pelted at the performers by people in the building, while a large force of roughs and street loafers stood on the sidewalks and threw snowballs into the building. Captain Ford, of the Third Precinct Police, fearing a riot, tried to put a stop to the exhibition, but it kept on for half an hour, while a storm of hisses and indignant yells greeted every word uttered by the speakers. Ex-chief of police Damrell made a speech, in which he freely and forcibly denounced the two reverend exposers, and was loudly applauded, the spectators cheering loudly at the several points made. He claimed to belong to the same denomination as Mr. Rathbun, and asserted that the conference that would recognise him as a minister of Christ's gospel ought to bow its head in shame. The police broke up the meeting about half-past ten. It was the intention of the two ministers to remain in town for a week, and continue their exposures, but they have changed their minds, and will leave to-morrow. The minister who gave the use of his church for such purposes is stoutly abused by all classes.

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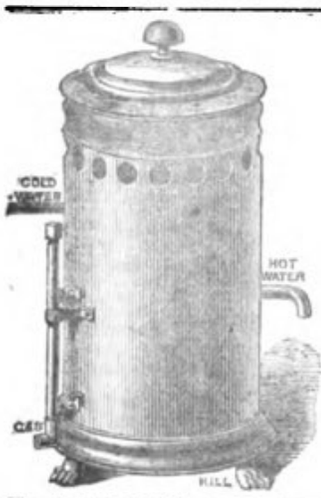
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Phœnix Lodge, No. 617, Port Royal.—The ordinary meeting was held on 6th July, presided over by Wor. Bro. G. P. Myers I.P.M. (Master off the Island), J. S. Campbell S.W. pro tem (S.W off the Island), J. Hall J.W. pro tem (J.W. off the Island), and other Officers. One candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. According to the bye-laws, this was the night for the election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler. Two brethren aspired to the Oriental chair—Bro. W. J. L. Rutherford and Bro. Lieut. W. Hastings. The ballot was put, when Bro. Lieut. W. Hastings, of the surveying schooner Sparrow Hawk, was elected W. Master, Bro. G. P. Myers elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. G. Crosbie Tyler. There was a goodly number of P.M.'s and members present. During the past year Bro. Dr. J. Tyndall, R.N., of the Hospital, was installed as Master; he only occupied the chair for one meeting, and then left for England. The S.W., Bro. Lieut. Hastings, could scarcely attend, as he had to be away on duty surveying, and the J.W. likewise left shortly after for England. It is to be hoped, though the members have again elected a gentleman of the Navy, he will be able to attend, instead of allowing proxies, which give no satisfaction to the Lodge, and only confer honours.

Phœnix Royal Arch Chapter, Port Royal.—The Quarterly Convocation was held on 8th July, presided over by M.E. Comps. O. Delgado P.Z. (the M.E.Z. being indisposed), L. C. Hollar H., G. P. Myers J., W. J. L. Rutherford S.E., and other Officers. Being the night of installation, the following Officers were selected:—M.E. Comps. L. C. Hollar Z., G. P. Myers H.; no J. was appointed (Dr. Tyndall being off the Island), R. Thompson Treasurer, and W. Hollar Janitor. The investiture of the other Officers was postponed, in consequence of their absence. This Chapter has been opened now five years, and has worked well. After the usual routine business, the annual banquet took place. M.E. Comps. O. Delgado, G. J. De Cordova, and R. Langley P.Z., with several others were present.

Phœnix Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, Port Royal.—A meeting was held on 21st July, presided over by Commander G. J. De Cordova as N., Bros. O. Delgado as S., Commander A. De Cordova as J., W. J. L. Rutherford Acting Scribe, and other Officers. The Commander having informed the brethren that the Charter had been received, and that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and his Secretary were in attendance, ready to proceed with the consecration, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master R.W. J. W. Whitebourne and his Secretary were received with honours. He then consecrated the Lodge in due and ancient form; five brethren were elevated. After some other business the Lodge was closed. The brethren returned to the banquetting room, where a couple of hours were spent.

Clifton Mount Keystone, Kingston.—Held a meeting at Friendly Hall, on 19th July, presided over by Wor. J. J. G. Lewis and other Officers.

The District Grand Lodge was announced to meet on 29th July.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Auckland (E.C.) was held on the 2nd June, in the Lodge room, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M. presided, and there was a good attendance of Grand Lodge Officers and representatives of various Lodges. The proceedings were of more than usual interest, for in addition to the routine business of the Communication, two petitions were received for new Lodges under the Constitution. One of those was from Kawakawa. In this instance the D.D.G.M. granted the necessary authority. The second was from Te Awamutu. The consideration of the latter was deferred, or rather it was referred to the Deputy District Grand Master, who will apply for certain further information required. A very interesting letter was received from the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. G. S. Graham, who is at present in London, and who acknowledged the courtesy and consideration with which he had been received and treated by the Grand Lodge and the members of the Craft generally. He intimated that he would be detained about five months in London.

Bro. William Van Wyck, Past Master of Kane Lodge, of New York City, has been appointed by R.W. Brother Michael Nisbet, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania *near* the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. W. Bro. Van Wyck was elected Sr. Warden of Kane Lodge in 1877. In 1878, he was elected Master of Kane. Having become a member of the Fraternity in 1877, his progress is remarkable, and an evidence of his ability.

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RAILWAY TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

FOLLOWING up our recent notice of the tourist arrangements made for the present season by the Great Eastern and London and North Western Railway Companies, we now beg to draw the attention of our readers to those of the Great Western, the North London, and the London, Brighton, and South Coast. First in the programme of the Great Western are the Tourist Tickets available for two months which are issued at Paddington, at the principal stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways, and at Cook's Excursion and Tourists' Agency, Ludgate Circus, E.C., to all the most attractive places of resort in the West of England. The fares in all classes are reasonable, and the arrangements are such that the traveller, if he desires it, may break his journey at certain places—such as Bath, Bristol, Bridgewater, &c., &c., &c. North Devon Circular Tour Tickets, at very moderate rates, are also issued to travellers going Westward, so that they may not only visit the place of their choice, but they may also by means of these circular tickets traverse, partly by rail and partly by coach, one of three districts of North Devon, all of which are well known for the beauty of their scenery or their interesting associations, local or otherwise. Similar tickets are issued to Dorchester, Bridport, and Weymouth (Dorsetshire) as to the principal towns in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, and those visiting Weymouth have the privilege of going to and from Cherbourg, Jersey, or Guernsey at single fares for the double journey on production of their railway tickets. Similar facilities to those already mentioned are offered to those who are desirous of visiting the Channel Islands and France, South Wales and North Wales, Circular Tour Tickets being likewise issued for any one of five routes to visitors to either division of Wales. To some of the Midland Counties such as Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Hereford there are issued not only tickets available for the period we have mentioned, but also for the brief period from Friday or Saturday up to and inclusive of the following Tuesday. Convenient arrangements are also made for visitors to the Lake and Derbyshire Districts, Ireland, and the Isle of Man; indeed to all parts of the country lying westward the Great Western offers every facility in its power for travelling, either by their own line only, or by and in conjunction with other lines or lines of steamers, the rates chaged being most reasonable and the convenience of passengers being most carefully studied in every possible way.

The North London Railway Company, though it must be looked upon as a medium for bringing the principal lines, which have their termini in London, into connection rather than as an independent line, is not behind other companies in the arrangements it makes for the convenience and comfort of intending intending tourists and travellers. Constructed originally for the purpose of lightening the traffic north of the Thames it now affords the means for people passing from the district traversed by any one of our great lines of communication to that traversed by any other. Thus an excursionist by the London and North Western has no difficulty in reaching a given point (say) at the Great Eastern, the North Western or the London, Brighton and South Coast, and, this one instance, thanks to the North London line, might again and again be repeated. Therefore, though itself a line that is used mostly by business men resident in the suburbs for journeying to and from the city, it must not be left out of the consideration of the public in treating of Tourist arrangements; for whether a man is desirous of visiting America or the Continent of Europe, he will, if he should happen to reside near one of its stations, find that he can accomplish the through journey with no more difficulty and discomfort than are caused by changing at certain junctions from one train to another. Nor will he find any difficulty on the score of times, as the train service on the North London is so admirably arranged that he will be able to catch any train on any particular line of railway he may desire.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast line is undoubtedly one of our most important railway arteries. Not only does it place us in communication with all the most popular inland and seaside towns in the counties of Sussex, Hants, and Isle of Wight, but it also offers us facilities of no ordinary character for reaching the Continent. The route to Paris viâ Newhaven and Dieppe is one of the prettiest, traversing, as it does, some of the richest country in Normandy, and also one of the cheapest. It is not surprising, therefore, that its ticket arrangements, whether they extend to a few days only, or to one or two months, should find favour with the public. A man may enjoy his eight hours by the sea at Brighton at a modest charge, or he may journey right away to Paris, and still more distant European cities, with the certainty that this company will provide, as far as possible, for his comfort and convenience, and will, at the same time consult his pocket by charging him as low a price as possible. Nor is this all, no matter where he may reach in the North, West, East, or South of Ireland, such is the facility of communication between the different lines of railway, that he will have it in his power to go right through from Brighton to Liverpool, to Scotland, to Devonshire, or wherever else he may be desious of going. This is a boon which people cannot fail to appreciate, and this line, which has never been wanting in energy and enterprise, is deservedly popular with the British public. Let those who may be looking forward to a holiday in the direction taken by the L. B. & S. C. Railway consult its time tables, and they will be at no loss to obtain all the information they require as to fares, times, tickets, &c., &c.

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Gleanings from Old Chronicles, &c.

THE first park in England, was enclosed by Henry I., when he built his Manor of Woodstock. This park "he walled about with stone seven miles in compas destroying for the same diuerse villages, churches, and chappels." Stow adds: "hee placed therein, besides great store of Deere, diuers strange beastes to be kept and nourished, such as were brought to him from farre countries, as Lions, Leopards, Linces, Porpentines, and such other. More, I reade that in the year 1235, Fredericke the Emperour, sent to Henrie the third, three Leopards, in token of his regal shield of armes, wherein three Leopards were pictured, since the which time, these Lions and others have beene kept in a part of this bulwarke, now called the Lion tower, and three keepers there lodged. King Edward the second in the twelft of his raigne, commanded the Shiriffes of London to pay to the Keepers of the King's Leopard in the Tower of London vi.d. the day, for the sustenance of the Leopard, and three halfe pence a day for the diet of the said Keeper, out of the fee farme of the sayd Citie. More, the 16 of Edward the third, one Lion, one Lionesse, one Leopard, and two Cattes Lions, in the said tower, were committed to the custodie of Robert, the sonne of John Bowre."

Strype supplements the above with further information. Henry III. had a white bear and an elephant in the Tower, in which he took a great interest. Thus in 1252 an order was issued to the Sheriffs of London to provide for the sustenance of the bear and his keeper at the rate of "Four Pence every day, as long as they shall be there." In the following year, he issued this further order to the Sheriffs: "We command you, That for the Keeper of our White Bear, lately sent us from *Norway*, and which is in our *Tower of London*, ye cause to be had one Muzzle, and one Iron Chain, to hold that Bear without the Water, and one long and strong Cord, to hold the same Bear fishing (or washing himself) in the River of *Thames*" The order is not as explicit as might be wished, for the muzzle might have been intended for the man equally as well as for the bear. In 1255 he gave orders for the construction in the Tower of "one House of forty Foot long, and twenty Foot deep, for an Elephant; Providing, that it be so made, and so strong, that when need be, it may be fit and necessary for other uses." while in 1256 orders were given that the Elephant and his Keeper should be furnished with "Necessaries, as there shall reasonably be need."

Henry VI., in the 16th year of his reign, granted the office of Keeper of the Lions and Leopards to "*Robert Mansfield*, Esq., Marshall of our Hall," his wages to be sixpence a day for himself and sixpence a day for every Lion and Leopard in his charge, this pay to be taken yearly "from the Issues and Profits of the Counties of *Bedford* and *Buckingham*, coming to the Hands of the Sheriff of the said Counties."

In June 1604, James I. with many noblemen visited the Lions in the Tower, and caused a He and She Lion "to be put forth. And then a live cock was cast to them, which being their natural enemy, they presently killed it and sucked the Blood. Then the King caused a live Lamb to be put to them, which the Lions out of their generosity (as having respect to its Innocency) never offered to touch, altho' the Lamb was so bold as to go close to them. Then the King caused the Lions to be taken away, and another Lion to be put forth, and two Mastiffs to be turned to him. The Mastiffs presently flew upon the Lion, and turned him upon his back; and though the Lion was superior to them in strength, yet it seems they were his match in courage." A "Spaniel Dog, for some offence or other" was then cast into the den, but the Lion did not molest him in any way and the little dog remained and lived there for some years afterwards.

A few years later trial was made of the Courage of the Lion, and one was placed in a yard, where had previously been turned loose a bear that had killed a child. But the Lion instead of assaulting the bear fled. Trial was made of other Lions, but with the same result, and then two were let loose, but they, too, refused and "rather fought to return to their den." Mastiffs were sent in and they boldly attacked the Lion, and also a "Stone Horse" which had been turned in, and would have worried the latter to death, had not three bearwards rescued him. The above sport was witnessed by King James, his Queen, the Prince, and divers great Lords. As for the bear which escaped on this occasion, the "King gave command he should be baited to death with Dogs upon a stage; and so he was."

In 1704, there were six Lions in the Tower, two of them young ones presented to Queen Anne by "the King of Barbary." In 1708, the Emperor of Morocco sent her Majesty, by his Ambassador, five Lions. In addition, there were "two Leopards and Tygers," three Eagles—one a Bald Eagle with white Head and Neck; "two *Swedish* Owls, of a great Bigness, called Hopkins," which had been presented to K. Charles, two Cats of the Mountains "walking continually backwards and forwards," "much larger than our ordinary domestick cats; and very cruel," and a jackall, the skins of two dead Lions stuffed, &c., &c., &c.

The following duties were anciently paid to the parson or curate on the occasion of a Wedding:—"*First*, there is laid upon the Book, according to the Custom, 8d. *Secondly*, two Tapers at Mass, 2d. *Thirdly*, a Taper at the latter end of the Mass, 1d. *Fourthly*, The whole Offering at Mass belongeth to the Parson, unless the Parties compound for it; giving some time 2 or 3s, or 6s 8d or more. *Fifthly*, If any one will be married before the High Mass, they must pay 20d or 40d, or 5s, or else must tarry till all be done. *Sixthly*, for a certificate when the man dwelt in another Parish he paid a shilling, or 20d or 40d, or more, according to ability.

Another curious epitaph is the following:—

As I was, so are ye,
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That I had, that I gave,
That I gave, that I have.
Thus I end all my cost,
That I left, that I lost.

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was elected W.M. for the 13th instant, and the Lodge closed.

Williamson Lodge, No. 949.—A meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at St. Stephen's Schools, Monkwearmouth. Bros. A. T. Munro W.M., Geo. Porteous S.W., Chas. Cobbam J.W., R. Shadforth P.M. Treasurer, Jno. Barlow Secretary, Brady Swain S.D., I. G. Kirtley J.D., James Brooks and John Hewson Stewards, Jno. Grubb I.G., John Thompson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Egleston jun., A. Gray, G. B. Hall, N. Taylor. Visitors—Bros. Hawden W.M. 80, A. Broughton 80, J. B. Wilkinson 1380, T. Sharp P.M. 97, Frampton P.M. 94, J. Potts W.M. 94. Lodge opened and the brethren read and confirmed the minutes of last meeting. Bros. Jos. B. Harley and James Henderson were examined previous to being passed. Lodge opened in second degree, and the above named brethren were advanced to the fellow Craft Degree. Lodge was resumed, and closed in harmony, and according to ancient custom, with solemn prayer.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—A large number of the brethren of this flourishing Lodge met at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning town, E., on the 10th inst. Bro. Watson was in the chair, supported by Bros. Pavitt S.W., P.M. Myers J.W., P.M. Musto Preceptor, E. T. Worsley Hon. Secretary, Barker S.D., Brownson J.D., Macgregor I.G.; also Bros. Keable, Wiltshire, Forss, Smith, Roberts, Rowe, Davis, Stephens, Roddam, Plater, Gregory, Houldsworth, A. Souch, Prosser, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Roberts was interrogated, and Lodge advanced. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Roberts candidate, the duties of Deacon being ably performed by Bro. Worsley. Bro. H. Forss worked the first and second, and Bro. Worsley the third and fourth sections of the lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was lowered, and Bros. Houldsworth 347, A. Souch 1804, and Macgregor 1445 were admitted members. Bro. Pavitt was duly elected to the chair for the meeting on the 17th instant. The discussion as to details of the Summer Outing at Broxbourne, for the 16th, occupied the remainder of the evening. For the information of the brethren who intend availing themselves of this opportunity we may announce that arrangements have been made with the Great Eastern Railway Company to attach a saloon carriage and other first-class carriages to the 10.3 a.m. train from Liverpool-street Station to Broxbourne; the return journey will be made at 10 p.m. We trust the weather will be propitious, and that the Ladies may thoroughly enjoy the entertainment provided for them by the brethren.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. On Monday, 9th Aug., Present—Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, J. Macgregor W.M., Goddard S.W., Robson J.W., Lewis S.D.; also Bros. Partridge, Kimbell, Seymour-Clarke (Sec.), and others. Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, Bro. Partridge offered himself as a candidate for passing; and he was asked the usual questions and entrusted. The ceremony of passing was then ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to the first, when a vote of thanks was unanimously given for the able manner in which Bro. Macgregor had filled the office of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. T. E. Goddard was elected W.M. for next Monday evening, when the third degree will be rehearsed. Brethren are invited to attend.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday evening, the chair was occupied (in the absence of the W.M.) by the I.P.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
Metropolitan Council, Time Immemorial, Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 4. Installation

MONDAY, 16th AUGUST.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemason,s'Hall, Southampton
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 17th AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
258—Amphibians, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Watson, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 19th AUGUST.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
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275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling'en
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
492—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, aCcrington
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636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
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1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)

FRIDAY, 20th AUGUST.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

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1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1086—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield at 7
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, Bros. Smyth W.M., Wardell S.W., Clark J.W., Polak S.D., Carr J.D., Marsh I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Brasted Acting Preceptor, also Bros. Dallas, Taylor, C. Lorkin and others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor acting as candidate. Bro.

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Taylor, as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Taylor was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on 11th August, at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street. Bros. Hemming W.M., E. Child S.W., Lonsdale J.W., Pratt S.D., W. C. Smith J.D., Iriuth I.G., Longdon Secretary, J. Hurdell Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries the first and second sections were worked by Bro. Richardson, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Smith candidate. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hemming, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Child was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge heard, with great regret, the intelligence of the death of its Preceptor, Bro. T. Adams P.G.P., and ordered a vote of condolence to be sent to the members of his family.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The usual meeting was held at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 6th instant. Bro. Tyer in the chair; there were also present, Bros. Friedeberg S.W., Macdonald J.W., I. P. Cohen S.D., Levy J.D. Past Masters W. Musto Secretary, B. Cundick Preceptor, T. J. Barnes, C. H. Webb, also Bros. Eschwege, Loane, Job, &c. After the usual formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eschwege candidate. Bro. Job worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Tyer, who had worked the ceremony for the first time, and shown himself a promising pupil. Bro. Friedeberg was elected W.M. for the 13th instant, and the Lodge closed.

Williamson Lodge, No. 949.—A meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at St. Stephen's Schools, Monkwearmouth. Bros. A. T. Munro W.M., Geo. Porteous S.W., Chas. Cobham J.W., R. Shadforth P.M. Treasurer, Jno. Barlow Secretary, Brady Swain S.D., I. G. Kirtley J.D., James Brooks and John Hewson Stewards, Jno. Grubb I.G., John Thompson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Egleston jun., A. Gray, G. B. Hall, N. Taylor. Visitors—Bros. Hawden W.M. 80, A. Broughton 80, J. B. Wilkinson 1380, T. Sharp P.M. 97, Frampton P.M. 94, J. Potts W.M. 94. Lodge opened and the brethren read and confirmed the minutes of last meeting. Bros. Jos. B. Harley and James Henderson were examined previous to being passed. Lodge opened in second degree, and the above named brethren were advanced to the fellow Craft Degree. Lodge was resumed, and closed in harmony, and according to ancient custom, with solemn prayer.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—A large number of the brethren of this flourishing Lodge met at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning town, E., on the 10th inst. Bro. Watson was in the chair, supported by Bros. Pavitt S.W., P.M. Myers J.W., P.M. Musto Preceptor, E. T. Worsley Hon. Secretary, Barker S.D., Brownson J.D., Macgregor I.G.; also Bros. Keable, Wiltshire, Forss, Smith, Roberts, Rowe, Davis, Stephens, Roddam, Plater, Gregory, Houldsworth, A. Souch, Prosser, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Roberts was interrogated, and Lodge advanced. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Roberts candidate, the duties of Deacon being ably performed by Bro. Worsley. Bro. H. Forss worked the first and second, and Bro. Worsley the third and fourth sections of the lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was lowered, and Bros. Houldsworth 347, A. Souch 1804, and Macgregor 1445 were admitted members. Bro. Pavitt was duly elected to the chair for the meeting on the 17th instant. The discussion as to details of the Summer Outing at Broxbourne, for the 16th, occupied the remainder of the evening. For the information of the brethren who intend availing themselves of this opportunity we may announce that arrangements have been made with the Great Eastern Railway Company to attach a saloon carriage and other first-class carriages to the 10.3 a.m. train from Liverpool-street Station to Broxbourne; the return journey will be made at 10 p.m. We trust the weather will be propitious, and that the Ladies may thoroughly enjoy the entertainment provided for them by the brethren.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. On Monday, 9th Aug., Present—Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, J. Macgregor W.M., Goddard S.W., Robson J.W., Lewis S.D.; also Bros. Partridge, Kimbell, Seymour-Clarke (Sec.), and others. Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, Bro. Partridge offered himself as a candidate for passing; and he was asked the usual questions and entrusted. The ceremony of passing was then ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to the first, when a vote of thanks was unanimously given for the able manner in which Bro. Macgregor had filled the office of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. T. E. Goddard was elected W.M. for next Monday evening, when the third degree will be rehearsed. Brethren are invited to attend.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday evening, the chair was occupied (in the absence of the W.M.) by the I.P.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., J. Kay Secretary, M. Millington, W. Girling, H. Jackson, Stubbs, &c. Bro. Stephenson was passed to the second degree, after which Bro. Cumberland P.M. proposed, and Bro. Whytehead seconded, a resolution expressing the regret felt by the brethren at the departure from York of the 4th Dragoon Guards, which had deprived them of the pleasant association with the members of the St. Patrick's Lodge, 295 I.C., and wishing them every success and happiness. This was carried with enthusiasm, and the Secretary was requested to forward a copy to Bro. Capt. Murphy W.M. of the Military Lodge. Bro. Cumberland conveyed to the Lodge the hearty good wishes of many London Lodges which he had visited during his absence, and the Lodge was closed. Subsequently, at refreshment, the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Cumberland proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who was enjoying his vacation in the heart of the Black Forest, and whom they trusted to see again in the autumn in renewed vigour. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, in giving the toast of "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge," included the health of the I.P.M., to whom he accorded a hearty welcome on his return in better health from his stay in London, and whom they all hoped would soon be permanently restored to complete strength. Bro. Cumberland's services to the Lodge and to Masonry needed no words from him in the way of praise, for they were well known, not only within the walls of Old Eboracum, but throughout England, and it was pleasant to know that the name of the Lodge itself, as well as those of its leaders, was so favourably known both amongst the Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Russell of the St. Patrick's Lodge, who said that on the eve of his departure from York next morning he had hurried down for an hour for the sake of wishing a farewell to his numerous friends of the Eboracum Lodge. Bro. Whytehead said that Bro. Capt. Murphy, the W.M. of St. Patrick's Lodge, had called on him that morning to say good bye, and had desired the kindest and most fraternal messages to be conveyed to the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, from whom his Lodge had experienced so many kindnesses. Bro. Carter proposed the Officers of the Lodge. Several other toasts were proposed, and the evening was passed in the most harmonious manner.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 5th August. Present:—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., A. Jones S.W., F. Millsom J.W., Rogers S.D., F. Botley J.D., Mitchell I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; Bros. C. E. Botley, Burton P.M., C. Bellerby, Rickwood, Geflowski, F. Woolmer. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, and Bro. Rickwood was entrusted. Lodge was opened in 3rd degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rickwood candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. gave the "Traditional History" in a very able manner. Lodge closed to 1st degree, when Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

At this season of the year, when all who can snatch a few days or even hours from the cares of business, and seek health at the seaside, it is gratifying to find in our midst one who is mindful of the claims of the poor and needy. Bro. Dr. T. Loane, Medical Officer to the Mile End Vestry, has kindly offered to take 300 children from the workhouse for a day's excursion to Southend-on-Sea, on the 20th inst.; and although our esteemed brother, with the assistance of a few friends, has undertaken to defray all the expenses, we doubt not but that he can find a good use for a few small donations which, expended in the minor luxuries of this life, would cast a gleam of sunshine on the hearts of those for whose enjoyment the day's outing is intended.

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The judge, in his summing up, expressed his regret that the action should have been brought, as he considered the dispute should have been submitted to the proper Masonic tribunal, and we fully agree with his Lordship that all such differences should be settled, as he suggested, by Masonic authority, and not by a common jury in a regular court of law. With this point, however, we are but little concerned. What it is of moment for us to consider is, the laxity of ideas which seems to possess, or let us hope we may say, to have been possessed by our brethren of the Alexandra Lodge in reference to the sacredness of the ballot. In a Society like ours the only proper mode of election is, for obvious reasons, the ballot, but the ballot is nothing if not secret, and its secrecy religiously guarded. In this instance there was only a make-believe secrecy, and for anything that might be urged to the contrary, the voting might just as well have been by show of hands. How many members were present was not mentioned at the trial, but, at all events, out of those who did attend only four voted, and it seems to have become instantly known that the three black beans were cast by Bros. Voigt, Hockney, and Harrison respectively, while Bro. Carr proclaimed that the white bean was cast by him. Several questions will naturally follow such a disclosure. In the first place, how came the Worshipful Master at the meeting to sanction the abstention of any member present from voting?—a duty in which it is imperative—in our judgment, at least—that all who attend the Lodge when a candidate is balloted for should take their part. In the second place, how came the same Worshipful Brother to so far forget his duty as either to sanction or connive at any inquiry being raised by any brother as to who voted for whom, or to allow any one who had voted to make it known which way he had voted, so that, as in this case, it might be made clear to every one that the only other brethren who had done their duty had done so in a manner adverse to the candidates? It is unpleasant for any one to be blackballed, but it is equally so for members of any club, society, or Lodge to have one who is obnoxious to them forced into association with them in such club, society, or Lodge. It is usual in cases where an unpopular candidate is about to be balloted for, for an intimation of his unpopularity or being obnoxious to certain members to be made to his proposer and seconder; and it was elicited from Bro. Voigt, the plaintiff in this action, that owing to the business having been begun when he and his companions arrived, there was no time to follow that course. Be this as it may, it is very clear to us that Bro. Carr, by whose orders the emergency meeting for the exclusion of Bros. Voigt, Hockney, and Harrison was summoned, had very peculiar notions about the secrecy of the ballot, and acted most indiscreetly in allowing any such meeting to be called, while Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M., who proposed the exclusion of Bro. Voigt and his two companions, was guilty of far more un-Masonic conduct than the brethren he proposed to exclude. But the greatest offender of all was the W.M. of the first emergency, when he allowed it to become known how those voted who had taken part in the ballot. If this kind of laxity is to be allowed to pass uncensured, and if brethren to whom a candidate is, for reasons known to themselves, distasteful, are to have malicious and un-Masonic conduct openly imputed to them in Lodge summonses, our Lodges will very soon discover that the Angel of Harmony has been supplanted by the Demon of Discord.

THE TENDENCY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

IT would have afforded us the utmost gratification if the public information we have received in respect of American Freemasonry had enabled us to withdraw the statements made in an article which appeared in the first number of this journal, that is, as far back as the 2nd January 1875. Therein we drew attention to one of the most noteworthy characteristics of the Craft in the United States, namely, the tendency which is there so conspicuous in the direction of show in preference to substantial work. The remarks were questioned at the time by one whose opinion in all things Masonic is entitled to the very highest respect, and having experienced his

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THE MAIDEN'S BOWER:

A SERENADE.

The dews of night are falling light
Upon the maiden's bower;
The evening star now shines afar
High over hill and tower.
My lady sleeps, no vigil keeps,
And calm is her repose,
Whilst I'm awake for her sweet sake,
And scarce mine eyelids close.

Sleep soft, my love. Oh! God above,
Now shield her from all harm;
Let heavenly gleams shine through her dreams,
And keep her from alarm;
I'll tune my lays to chant her praise,
And serenade my queen,
The fairest flower in maiden bower,
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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

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In April 1838, the Bye-Laws as drawn up by the Committee appointed for the purpose were read for approval, and it was arranged at the instance of the W.M. that an emergency meeting should be held at Bro. Morgan's, Peacock Tavern, Maiden-lane, to reconsider them previous to submitting them for final confirmation. This emergency meeting was held on the 10th May, and the Bye-Laws, as then settled, were approved at the regular meeting on the 15th of the same month. A transcript of them is inserted in the minutes, but there is little in them which is not to be found in the Bye-Laws of other Lodges. They fixed the meetings to be held on the third Tuesday in January, February, March, April, May (at the option of the W.M.), October, November and December, and the installation meeting in January. The annual subscription was settled at Two Guineas, payable in advance in February and October; the Initiation Fee at Five Guineas, and the Joining Fee at Two Guineas, while the Visiting Fee was set down at Two Guineas, "with liberty for the Worshipful Master to commute the same to not less than five shillings." These are the main features of the code as determined at this epoch. About this time the Lodge seems to have been increasing in prosperity, as no regular meeting passed without one or more persons being duly proposed for initiation. Much attention also must have been devoted to the lectures, &c., as reference is frequently made to their having been worked, and also to the Tracing Board in this or that degree having been explained. In December Bro. S. B. Wilson was re-elected, and the January following re-installed as W.M. The Report of the Auditors, presented and accepted in the latter month, showed that the position of the Lodge was financially sound, there being a balance ranged under the two heads of Lodge Fund and Charity, on the right side of the account. Later on we find the statement less satisfactory, and to judge, from the smallness of the attendance on some occasions, when the musters included only four, five, or six brethren, visitors included, and taking into account that several resignations were sent in at this time, we can only arrive at the conclusion that a temporary re-action had set in to disturb the even flow of that prosperity to which, in the course of this sketch, we have more than once referred. It is satisfactory, however, to add that if, in the years 1839 and 1840, the receipts were not equal to satisfying all demands, the year that succeeded witnessed a different state of things, and when the report for that year was submitted for approval, in January 1842, there was again a balance due *to* the Lodge instead of *by* the Lodge, and what is still more noteworthy, it was greater than any we have referred to in previous years. But to retrace our steps a little. After the installation of Bro. Wilson for the second time, Bro. Blake S.W. gave notice of his intention to move at the next Lodge meeting a resolution for holding a Masonic Ball under the auspices of the Lodge, the proceeds, if any, to be set apart for the benefit "of the three Charities and other purposes." This motion was submitted in due course, seconded and carried, and the 1st March was fixed for the Ball, but nothing occurs in any subsequent entry to show that the resolution was acted upon. It appears, too, that about this time the Lodge resolved on treating itself to a new set of collars for its Officers, while thanks were unanimously passed to Bro. Blake S.W. for his present of three gavels. In December 1839 this brother was elected to be W.M. for the year ensuing, and he was duly installed by his predecessor Bro. Wilson at the customary meeting.* At the following Lodge in February, the services of Bro. Wilson during his two years' presidency as W.M. were recognised, and it was agreed to present him with a jewel of five guineas' value, the increase in the cost being considered justifiable by reason of Bro. Wilson's having presided during two years. At the meeting in May there were present only the W.M., S.W., Secretary, and Tyler acting as I.G. In December after Bro. Abbitt had been unanimously elected Master for the next year, a Bro. James Truscott, of the Bank of England Lodge—doubtless of the same family as the present Lord Mayor and Grand Junior Warden of England—was proposed as a joining member. In the minutes of the 16th March 1841, an important communication from Grand Lodge is entered. In this are set forth certain resolutions arrived at by Grand Lodge on the subject of publishing or furnishing for publication in Masonic reviews or papers "the proceedings and concerns of Masonry." The delinquent journal, which is specially referred to in this document, was "the late *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*," and a severe caution was placed on record against brethren embarking in any similar publication, or promoting it with materials. We cannot, however, do better than give the document in full, so that our readers may compare the timidity and narrow-mindedness of forty years since with the present liberality of the Grand Lodge authorities in relation to Masonic periodicals.

"At a Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 3rd March 1841.

"His Royal Highness, the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., on the throne, Resolved:—

"1st. That it is the primary duty of the Grand Lodge to view with the greatest jealousy any breaches of the privileges secured to the Masonic body by the Legislature.

"2nd. That one of the most valuable of those privileges, and that which constitutes the very essence and spirit of the Order, is the secresy with respect to the proceedings and concerns of Masonry, which is enjoined in the ancient charges, inculcated by the strongest obligations in every stage of Masonic degree, and rigidly laid down by the laws and constitutions.

"3rd. That the publication by *Masons* of the proceedings and concerns of Masonry, or furnishing *materials* for such publications, are traitorous violations of this most important privilege, and deserving of the highest punishment denounced against such offences by the laws and constitutions, as such publications, if not discouraged and suppressed, must ultimately destroy the respectability, and may even hazard the existence of the Craft.

"4th. That with a view of checking this evil, the Grand Lodge call on all Masonic authorities and Masters of Lodges, on their Masonic allegiance, to use their utmost endeavours to cause all brothers who may violate this privilege by engaging in any such publications as the late *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, or by *furnishing materials* for such publication by any disclosure without due sanction of the proceedings or concerns of Masonry, to be brought before the proper tribunal, to be dealt with according to the laws and constitutions of the Order.

"5th. That these resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the Grand Secretary to all the constituted authorities of the Order, and the Masters of all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"6th. *That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to communicate the same in whatever manner he may deem fit to the Grand Masters of Masonry in Scotland and Ireland*, and other Grand Lodges.

"7th. That the Master of every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England shall cause these resolutions to be read in open Lodge at the next meeting after the receipt thereof, and to be entered on the minutes of such Lodge, and that he shall immediately after such meeting report to the Grand Secretary the compliance with this resolution.

"Extracted from the minutes.

Signed "William H. White, G.S."

It comes not within our province—in this history at all events—to offer any remarks on the foregoing resolutions, though it is perhaps permissible to suggest that their unwisdom has been demonstrated by the ever-increasing liberty accorded in the years that have since passed to different kinds of Masonic publications, as well as by the sense exhibited, by the proprietors and conductors of those publications, of this greater latitude, and the manner in which they have, as a rule, acquitted themselves of those responsibilities, by avoiding the publication of what was in any way calculated to injure the rights and privileges of the Order. We know, as we remarked in our notice of St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton—in the minutes of which reference is made to this identical circular—that at the time when Grand Lodge adopted these resolutions, a somewhat bitter strife was raging in our midst. We know, too, that that strife was some time later amicably determined, but we question if the issue of such a circular was calculated to appease the wrath of that one of the disputants against whom it was specially directed. However, we must say no more on this matter, or we shall be exceeding the limits of just comment. Pass we, therefore, to the proceedings of the Lodge, and note we, accordingly, that following this index of the discord that then reigned in some sections of the Craft is an entry of a pleasant motion, showing that, under the banner of St. Michael's, there prevailed harmony and goodwill, and that when a brother—as had Bro. Blake—had worthily filled the chair of the Lodge, the customary jewel of recognition was voted to him with graceful unanimity. Nothing after this of any moment occurs until we reach the meeting in December, when Bro. Daly was unanimously elected Wor. Master for the ensuing year, Bros. Kincaid and Speight being unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. A proposition was also agreed to that at the installation of Bro. Daly the members should dine together, tickets 7s 6d, and for visiting brethren 12s 6d. To the ordinary reader this contrast between members' and visitors' tickets might, at first sight, seem strange, but then the former paid subscriptions, which would account for the lesser charge. At the following meeting, a jewel was voted to Bro. Abbitt, the immediate Past Master, for his valuable services in the chair. At the meeting, on 19th April 1842, a motion was submitted and read in open Lodge, by Bro. Abbitt the Secretary, to the following effect:—"that any W.M., S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., and I.G. who should not be in attendance within ten minutes of the time be fined 2s 6d for every neglect, such fine to be paid to the Treasurer and added to the funds of the Lodge." This motion, with an amendment proposed by Bro. P. Master Blake, that the Past Master should be likewise subjected to the penalty was agreed to unanimously at the November meeting. In December, Bro. Barrett was elected W.M., and Bros. Kincaid and Speight re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The Report of the Audit Committee was submitted this year (1843) at the meeting in February, or somewhat later than usual, but the excellent balance of the previous year was as nearly as possible equalled. On this occasion, too, "an authority for holding a Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of this Lodge was duly signed by the W. Master in open Lodge," while no less than five gentlemen were proposed as initiates. After a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Daly I.P.M. had been unanimously voted, the Lodge adjourned. In March the sum of one guinea was voted in aid of the funds of the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, and then the W. Master was requested to "tender the votes to which this Lodge is entitled at the election of annuitants to the 'Royal Masonic Annuity Fund' on the 19th May next in favour of Bro. Speight, the Tyler." At the October meeting we have symptoms of some irregularities, for the initiations, passings, and raisings having been brought to an end, Bro. Daly P.M., having submitted to the Lodge the copy of a letter he had addressed to Bro. Barrett the W. Master, moved—"That it having been intimated to the Lodge that reports were in circulation imputing to the W. Master of the Lodge the non-observance of his obligation as a Master Mason, a Board of Past

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Masters be summoned to inquire into those reports and to take such other measures as they may consider necessary." It was further proposed by the same Bro. Daly that a "Bro. Wilkinson" be summoned to attend the meeting of the Board of Past Masters, while a letter from the latter brother "expressing a wish to withdraw from the Lodge for the present" was submitted, and its consideration agreed to be held over till the next meeting of the Lodge. What came of this apparent imbroglio does not appear, and we are left to assume, therefore, that any difficulties which might have occurred were smoothed over. The W. Master for the year 1844 was Bro. Sheard, and as far as the financial condition of the Lodge, when he entered on his office, was concerned he had every reason to be satisfied. In February 1844, a Committee was entrusted with the consideration of the necessary measures "for altering the Lodge from a Supper to a Dinner Lodge." In April this Committee reported in favour of the proposed change, but at the same time submitted that, in consequence thereof the annual subscription should be increased from two to four guineas, while the visiting fee, though remaining as heretofore at the maximum of two guineas, could not be reduced at the option of the Worshipful Master to a less sum than twelve shillings and sixpence. They further proposed that the Lodge should meet on the third Tuesday in the months of January, February, March, April, October and November, and that election night should be changed from December to November. These proposals were unanimously accepted, and after the W. Master had been requested to record the Lodge votes in favour of Bro. Bird, the business closed. In October of this year, we read that the resignation of Bro. Muggeridge P.M. was tendered and "accepted, with the unanimous regret of the brethren." Five other resignations were accepted at the same meeting, subject to the usual conditions as to the payment of dues. Among the principal business at the October and November meetings were sundry resolutions intended to deal with members in arrear with their subscriptions, the only other points worthy of notice being that at the latter Lodge Bro. Kincaid P.M. was elected W. Master for the year 1845, and Bro. Blake P.M. Treasurer, Bro. Speight being re-appointed Tyler. After the installation of the new Master in January, it was unanimously agreed that a Past Master's jewel of the usual value be presented to Bro. Sheard, the retiring Master, in recognition of his services, and it was further proposed, on the motion of Bro. Daly P.M., seconded by Bro. Wilson P.M., that, as some slight testimony to the new W. Master's conduct as Treasurer for the previous five years, a jewel be presented to that W. Brother, but at the latter's own request the proposal was withdrawn, and a vote of thanks was substituted. The Report of the Audit Committee showed a balance to the credit of the Lodge, amounting to the respectable sum of £43 15s. About this time there are noticeable in the minutes entries to the effect that "the Lodge was then called off for refreshment," and afterwards resumed. In November Bro. Justins was elected W.M., while Bro. Kincaid resumed his office of Treasurer, and the veteran Bro. Speight was re-chosen Tyler. Bro. Justins was installed at the usual meeting, but the financial report, which, however, was satisfactory, was not submitted and approved till the next meeting in February. In the November following a letter from a Bro. Z. J. Clark, tendering his resignation as member, was read, but at the same time Bro. Clark respectfully declined to pay the demand made upon him for arrears, as he had never attended the Lodge since the day of his initiation, his dues amounting to eight pounds. Whereupon it was resolved that Bro. Clark's resignation be accepted upon his paying four pounds, viz., two pounds in lieu of arrears, and two pounds for the current subscription. This Bro. Clark was proposed in October 1844, and elected and initiated in the November following, and all we think it needful to remark is, that the Lodge was well quit of a member who was so uniformly absent, while the Lodge is to be congratulated on the consideration it exhibited towards the defaulting member. Bro. Goodchap having been elected W.M., the Lodge adjourned, and that brother was duly installed in office in February 1847, instead of the preceding month, a resolution changing the day of installation having been agreed to. We regret to say that the balance for the new year, though on the right side of the account, was subject to outstanding bills considerably in excess of its amount, so that once again we have to notice an unfavourable fluctuation in the financial condition of the Lodge. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Goodchap's predecessor, Bro. I.P.M. Justins. The minutes of the 10th November 1847 bring the Minute-Book, which has thus far been under notice, to a close.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an "editorial" of last week, your contemporary the *Freemason* cites the *rule*, that in the absence of the G.M. and Deputy, the G.L. Officer highest in rank shall preside—and construes the *usage* whereby the Senior Provincial or District Grand Master is called upon to take the chair, as being equivalent to a *constitutional* sanction of such practice.

Yet the fact is—that not a shred of authority is to be anywhere found, which will sustain the *usage* referred to. If we ask how, why, or wherefore, the Prov. G.M. of "Blankshire," and the D.G.M. of "No-Man's-land," are Officers of Grand Lodge? reply is made (in effect), "*because they are*," and with this we are forced to be content.

But even if it be conceded, that the *usage* in question impliedly favours the contention of your contemporary—how is this reconcilable with another *usage*, which also read along with the Constitutions bears in quite another direction? For example, in the Book of Constitutions, at p 19, we find:—"No brother shall hold more than one office in the Grand Lodge at one and the same time."

It will be in the recollection of all, that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, whilst Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire was appointed Junior Grand Warden. Clearly, therefore, we have here, an authoritative ruling by the Grand Master, that the *provincial* distinction enjoyed by his illustrious brother was *not* an office in Grand Lodge.

This ruling, it is true, conflicts with the view of the law as presented by the *Freemason*, but if the latter be correct, the inference is unavoidable—that the Constitutions of Masonry were entirely overridden on the occasion of Prince Leopold's appointment as Grand Warden.

With the purely social part of this question, few will be concerned. If the brother in the chair, at a Masonic banquet, calls upon the most distinguished guest to reply for "the Officers of the Lodge," and himself responds for "the Visitors," he has a perfect right to do so: nor, in the opinion of a good many, would this method of procedure be one whit more objectionable, or irregular, than the habit of calling upon the Grand Master of a Province or a District to acknowledge the toast of "the *Officers* of the Grand Lodge of England." No one wishes to derogate from the rank and pre-eminence of our Provincial and District Grand Masters, and when, happily, any of these dignitaries are present at a banquet, the toast of "the Grand *Lodge* of England" will bring them on their feet.

If, indeed, each Provincial or District G.M. is a veritable Grand Lodge *Officer*, Londoners may reasonably complain of their almost total supersession in G.L. office by country and colonial brethren.

The Lodges in work on the English roll, at the close of last year, were in number about 1729, viz.:—

Country Lodges	- -	971	Prov. G.M.'s	- -	39
Foreign do	- -	457	D.G.M.'s	- -	29
Town do	- -	301	Prov. or D.G.M.'s	-	*None*

The Home and Foreign Provinces thus respectively averaging 25 and 15 subordinate Lodges each.

It will be seen that whilst the 1428 Country and Foreign Lodges are represented on the Dais by *sixty-eight* brethren of *permanent* rank, the 301 Town Lodges are, so to speak—"left out in the cold!"

To re-adjust the "balance of preferment," and to place Metropolitan brethren on a footing of equality with the more fortunate "Provincials" and "Colonials," many changes would be requisite, *including a considerable widening of the Dais*. If, for instance, the privileges of Londoners were rendered co-extensive with those of their brethren in the "Bahamas," the appointment of *one hundred and fifty* Provincial Grand Masters in the Metropolitan district would become a necessity! Fifty less, or *one hundred*, would suffice to place London Lodges on an equality with those in "Gibraltar," the "Eastern Archipelago," and "Griqualand;" whilst only *seventy-five* would be needed to attain for them a proportionate representation with "North China," "Japan," "Montreal," and "the Argentine Republic."

The American practice in regard to private Lodges situate at a distance from the seats of Masonic authority, would seem not unworthy of our imitation. In Massachusetts, for example, and I believe also in other States, Deputy District Grand Masters are appointed, with a limited control over the Lodges assigned to their jurisdiction. This system seems a far better one than our own, which draws no distinction between a *foreign* province of *three* or of *thirty* Lodges,[*] and gives alike to each the cumbrous machinery of a District Grand Lodge. With a roll of three Lodges, as in "Gibraltar," "Singapore" and "Griqualand," the fixed establishment of D.G.M., Deputy, &c. &c. may be characterised as a huge staff of officers, without any rank and file, since the D.G.M., in each case, must be sorely exercised in mind, how to find even a sufficiency of brethren to act as office bearers!

It is a standing grievance with Colonial brethren, that they are wholly ignored in the distribution of office, by the *Mother* Grand Lodge. If, however, each District G.M. is an *actual* Officer of the G. Lodge of England, the Colonies, instead of enjoying *less*, possess *more*, than their fair share of G.L. preferment. In this view of the case, the question suggests itself, on what ground the *one* G. Lodge office appertioned to each foreign district, should be locked up in a

[*] The Masonic *District* of the "Bahamas" comprises *two*, and that of "Victoria" *sixty-seven* Lodges!!

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single individual, until his death or resignation? Clearly, one of two things must result—either the D.G.M. gets too much honour, or the other brethren of the province get too little!

Yours fraternally,

A London and Colonial P.M.

THE UNITED STATES AND MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I like to see a man with the courage of his opinions, and Bro. Hughan, if he is of the same mind as to the tendency of American Freemasonry as he was five years and a-half ago, is greatly to be applauded for boldly proclaiming the fact. But he is somewhat unfortunate in the reasons he gave last week for remaining still unconvinced by your article of the 2nd January 1875, as supplemented by that which appeared in your issue of the 7th instant. Kentucky, for instance, deserves, and will no doubt receive, all possible honour for its Institution for Widows and Orphans, opened in 1878, but this is not a case in point. Your criticism, which was general in its character, was published in the very infancy of the year 1875. It is, of course, out of my power to interpret your meaning, but I suppose your picture of American Freemasonry referred to the years preceding 1875, when Kentucky had no such building, or the scheme for erecting one was only in embryo. This case, therefore, does not affect your argument, or affects it only in a very slight degree. I have nothing but praise to utter in behalf of North Carolina, with its "Masonic Orphan Asylum at Oxford, with 137 inmates," or of Louisiana with its Relief Lodge, No. 1 of New Orleans. I admit, also, that Pennsylvania has done some noble work besides erecting one of the costliest of American Masonic Temples, but these are all the jurisdictions which Bro. Hughan seems able to specify, and yet in the United States there are some eight and forty Grand Lodges. Many of these, especially those lying out in the far West, and in as yet thinly-populated districts, are small, and their Lodges much scattered. Idaho, Indian Territory, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Washington Territory, Wyoming, in these there are probably not more than three score subordinate Lodges altogether. But what of New York with its subscribing membership of over 80,000 brethren; and how about Alabama, 387 Lodges; Arkansas, 337; wealthy California, 203 Lodges; compact Connecticut, 120 Lodges; Georgia, 300 Lodges; Illinois, 693 Lodges; Indiana, 528 Lodges; Iowa, 318 Lodges; little Maine, 179 Lodges; Maryland, 174 Lodges; Massachusetts, 221 Lodges; Michigan, 338 Lodges; Mississippi, 314 Lodges; Missouri, 490 Lodges; New Jersey, 149 Lodges; Ohio, 400 Lodges; S. Carolina, 182 Lodges; Tennessee, 406 Lodges; Texas, 479 Lodges; Vermont, 100 Lodges; Virginia, 231 Lodges; Wisconsin, 268 Lodges? These jurisdictions taken together comprise over 6,700 Lodges, or with New York some 7,500 Lodges, but Bro. Hughan has nothing to say about these, unless I am to include them among "the several Grand Lodges," which "like Pennsylvania, have done a noble work." I am not, however, in love with generalities, and should be better satisfied of the force of Bro. Hughan's apology, if he were somewhat more precise in his information. But, says he, "the majority of Grand Lodges are comparatively new bodies." Admitted, but not so "comparatively new," they might not have made a beginning in the direction already marked out by Kentucky founded in 1800, Louisiana in 1812, North Carolina 1777, and Pennsylvania 1764—I take my dates, as I have taken my figures above, from Kenning's *Cosmopolitan Calendar*, 1880. For example, of the Grand Lodges I have enumerated, Alabama was founded in 1821, Arkansas in 1832, California in 1850, Connecticut in 1789, Georgia in 1786, Illinois in 1840, Indiana in 1818, Iowa in 1844, Maine in 1820, Maryland in 1787, Massachusetts in 1733, Michigan in 1826, Mississippi in 1818, Missouri in 1821, New Jersey in 1786, New York in 1787, Ohio in 1808, S. Carolina in 1787, Tennessee in 1813, Texas in 1837, Vermont in 1784, Virginia in 1778, Wisconsin in 1843. If these are not such "comparatively new bodies" but they can find means and the inclination to embark in distant pilgrimages, muster in their thousands at triennial grand encampments or on sundry grand occasions, have grand processions, and erect grand and costly temples, they cannot be so "comparatively new" that they cannot raise funds for the relief of necessitous brethren. The youngest of the above Grand Lodges can point to an existence of thirty years, and it has 203 Lodges on its roll. Is this too short a time to think of doing something towards erecting a Masonic Asylum or Institute, or are the Lodges too few and the membership too limited for anything to be done in that direction? Bro. Hughan seems to have lost sight of the fact that his argument about the newness of the Grand Lodges cuts both ways, and as I have said, if they have been able to find the time and means for what they have done, they might and should have had some regard for Charity.

I am surprised at Bro. Hughan's reference to the "Masonic Relief Associations," and regret he should have descended so low in his conception of the true character and scope of Freemasonry as to place it in the category of Sick, Burial, and Insurance Funds, or what are known generally as "Benefit Societies," in which the members pay each a certain sum weekly, monthly, or otherwise. Then, if one of them falls sick, he receives a certain allowance; if he dies, his representatives receive the wherewith to defray the funeral expenses, and perhaps, in addition, a given amount, as in cases of Life Insurance. This may be Freemasonry according to Bro. Hughan's ideas, or in the estimation of American brethren, but it has nothing in common with the Freemasonry of Desaguliers, Payne, Anderson, and as more or less similarly understood and observed by successive generations of brethren from 1717 to the present time. It is Freemasonry modelled on the lines of the Accident Insurance Society (Limited), of which you recently gave some particulars, but to any such view I for one must decline to subscribe. We are very proud of our own and other Masonic Benevolent Institutions, wheresoever they may have been established on the face of the earth; at the same time, we must bear in mind that such Institutions are the outcome of Freemasonry, not Freemasonry the outcome of the Institutions. When we erect an asylum or establish a fund for the relief of unfortunate brethren or their families, we illustrate our belief in one of the most important articles of our Masonic creed. A Masonic Relief Association is a Masonic Limited Liability Company, the members of which, as I have already pointed out, are entitled to a certain measure of relief in return for certain periodical payments. It is an investment on one's own account against a rainy day, not a seasonable contribution in aid of others. I do not suppose that Bro. Hughan anticipated or desired, when he laid such stress in his letter of last week on these associations and the "one million pounds" they have been the means of raising "during the last few years," that any such interpretation should be put upon his statement. Yet, in all seriousness, I ask your numerous readers, Is this not a legitimate interpretation thereof?

Bro. Hughan speaks of the noble work that is done by "several Grand Lodges like Pennsylvania," and that "without any paid staff." Well, the unpaid staff deserve credit for the disinterestedness of their labours, but our Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the Funds of our three Institutions are in each case administered by an unpaid staff. There are paid officers, of course, but then they give up the whole of their time to the fulfilment of their arduous and important duties. On the other hand, Bro. Hughan passes unnoticed the mileage allowances to brethren attending Grand Lodge, which, in the accounts of so many of the American Grand Lodges, form so considerable an item of expenditure. Their Grand Secretaries are paid officers, and I think I am right in saying that many American Grand Masters have travelling allowances. I fear that in drawing attention to these points I have overstepped the limits of the original contention; but in comparing English and American Masonry it is only just that such matters as these should be noticed.

I agree with you and Bro. Hughan that "the more careful the Grand Lodges are in the selection of their initiates, the less need there will be for charity." Let me, however, point out to Bro. Hughan that this is beside the question. He objected, and objects, to the statement in your first number, that American Masons love show and costly temples, &c., but when it is asked, "Where are the American Masonic Benevolent Institutions, &c.?" it is left to Echo to reiterate the question. Whether the American and English Grand Lodges are as careful as they should be in the selection of initiates is a matter of *opinion*, and whether, if they exercised the greatest possible care in this respect, there would be no need for charity, is also a matter of *opinion*. But our three noble Masonic Benevolent Institutions are three grand *facts*, and the comparative absence of anything of the kind in the eight-and-forty Grand Lodges of the United States, is likewise a *fact*, though I leave it to our American brethren and your readers to qualify the latter as they think proper.

Yours faithfully,

Briton.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Accord me a little space in your columns for the purpose of noticing the points in Bro. Norton's letter, which appeared last week.

I judged, and as it turns out, judged rightly, that 1760 was a clerical error for 1762, but as the point at issue was one of a few years only I thought it well to notice it.

I mentioned, not with any idea of boasting, but in justification of my offering any criticism at all, that I had had a great deal to do with books, both new and old, but I did not *therefore*, "pronounce the copy of 'Jachin and Boaz' in the Masonic Temple incomplete." I am well aware of the fact that in those days printers very commonly considered the title page and the blank page at back as pages i. and ii., so that the first page of the preface—if any—would rightly be iii., the second iv., and so on. I readily accept Brother Norton's statement that the Boston copy is perfect, nor should I have questioned it had his description been more complete or more lucid, or perhaps a little more of both. But then it does not follow it is a copy of the *original* edition of Jachin and Boaz.

As to the other *might-have-beens*, they were not so much intended as arguments—though as such they, perhaps, are not without a certain value—as to show that assertions, even by Bro. Norton, might be met in various ways.

With reference to the fourth point that I have "coolly" requested Bro. Norton "to produce positive evidence that the said pamphlet Jachin and Boaz was not printed before 1757," I will content myself with pointing out that as Bro. Norton is the assailant, it is for him to produce evidence that Oliver's position is untenable. If it is as strong as he imagines, it will sweep all before it, but in order to do this Bro. Norton will have to achieve the notoriously difficult task of proving a negative. I decline to accept all the late Dr. Oliver's statements about Freemasonry, but I must equally decline to reject them all. The Editor of the *Freemason* thinks Oliver is right in this particular instance, and he is no mean authority in such a matter. Bro. Walter Spencer, the present representative of the firm which published most, if not all, of Dr. Oliver's Masonic Works, inclines to the same opinion. Therefore, something more is wanted than the opinions of Bros. Carson and Hughan, eminent as Masons though they may be, to prove to convict Oliver of a mistake.

With reference to the result of Bro. Pulsifer's examination of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, it does not disprove Oliver's statement. All it proves is that a "Jachin and Boaz" was published in 1762, which the Editor of the Magazine has described as a "new book," when, in fact, it may have been only a "new edition." The absence of any

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the G. L. of Scotland was held on Friday, the 5th inst.—the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. The Earl of Kintore was at his post as Senior Grand Warden; and Brother William Mann, Proxy District Grand Master of all India, acted as Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were:—Sir A. C. Campbell of Blythswood, Substitute Grand Master; Brothers D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. T. N. Wannop, Grand Chaplain; James Caldwell of Craigielea, Junior Grand Deacon; F. L. Law, Grand Jeweller; C. W. Maxwell Müller, Grand Director of Music; William M. Bryce, Grand Tyler. Brothers Mackintosh Balfour, Bombay, Grand Master of all India; T. J. King District Grand Secretary of South Australia; and James Williams, Port Adelaide, were amongst the visitors; and there were also present:—Brothers G. D. Clayhills Henderson, Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire; Dr. Falconer, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales; Alexander Hay, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica; James H. Neilson, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela; F. A. Barron, Past Grand Senior Warden; Albert Apthorpe, Past Grand Marshal; and the following representatives of Foreign G. Lodges:—Brothers R. S. Brown, Kentucky; George Maclean, Nebraska; W. Officer, Grand Orient of Egypt; Thomas Swinton, Liberia; George Fisher, Cuba; F. A. Brown, Iowa; John Baird, Cuba. The following Grand Lodges were also represented:—The Grand National Mother Lodge of the three Globes, Prussia; Royal York, Prussia, Saxony, Canada, New Brunswick, West Virginia, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Wycoming. Apologies for absence were intimated from Brothers the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Junior Grand Warden; Earl of Haddington, Senior Grand Deacon; William Hay, Grand Architect; H. Y. D. Copland, Grand Sword-Bearer, and Proxy District Grand Master of Queensland; J. Wolfe-Murray of Cringletie, Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirkshires; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible-Bearer; James Crichton, Vice President of Grand Stewards; Captain Russell-Colt of Cartsherrie, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad; and Captain William Hills, Grand Marshal. Grand Lodge having been opened, Reports of the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges were received, with thanks:—England, New York, New Mexico, Arkansas, Florida, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Colon, Island of Cuba, the Netherlands, and New Hampshire. A vidimus prepared by the Grand Cashier was submitted, which showed that during the three months ending 24th July the income of Grand Lodge had exceeded its expenditure by about £470, and that the number of entrants to the Craft had been 1640. It was reported that Brothers James Dalrymple Duncan and John Johnson, Glasgow, and William Auchterlonie, Paisley, had been elected members of Grand Committee *ad interim*, in room of Brothers John Baird, F. A. Barron, and Robert Nisbet resigned. Grand Secretary submitted letters from Brother Sir James Bain, the first accepting the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow City Province, and the second withdrawing his note of acceptance, thanking Grand Lodge for the honour they had conferred on him, and respectfully declining the appointment. On the recommendation of Grand Committee, the following appointments were made:—Brother William Pearce to be Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City Province, in room of Brother Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, resigned; Brother Captain Clayhills Henderson to be Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire in room of Brother Lord Ramsay (now the Earl of Dalhousie), who had resigned on his election as a member of Parliament; Brother H. C. E. Muecke to be District Grand Master of South Australia, in room of Brother C. H. Todd Connor, resigned; and Brother Thomas Nisbet Robertson, Past

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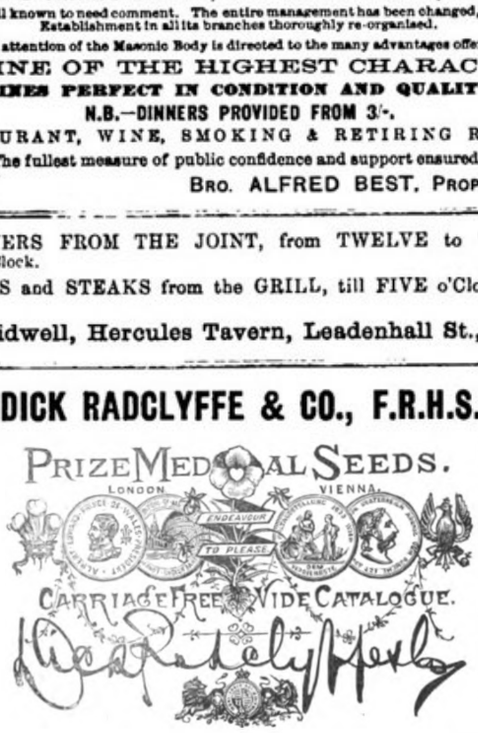
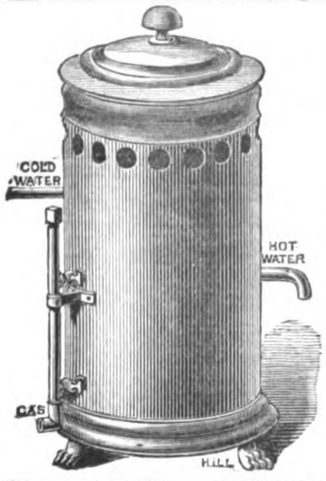


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For BUSINESS SUITS special provision will be made both as to MATERIAL AND PRICE, and W. Yeldham trusts, by meeting the requirements of his customers in a liberal manner, to ensure their further patronage and support.

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THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AT CHICAGO.

TUESDAY was the great day of the assemblage of American Knights Templar, at Chicago, when it was expected that from fifteen to twenty thousand Knights would muster in line. A telegram conveying congratulations from the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar at York to their Pilgrim Friends of the Mary Commandery of Philadelphia, who are taking part in the proceedings of the meeting, was despatched on Tuesday morning from York by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.E.P., and would doubtless be greatly appreciated by the American brethren. A few days since the Ancient Ebor Preceptory forwarded to the Mary Commandery a magnificently illuminated address, designed by Bro. Whytehead and executed by Mr. Morton (illuminator), of York, conveying the good wishes of the Preceptory on the occasion of the great gathering of the Order. The illumination measured about 2 feet by 1 ft. 8 in., and represented two Knights of the Temple in the Ancient costume of the Order, supporting Preceptors' banners of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Mary Commandery, of which last body the Preceptor of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory for the time being is an honorary member. The Knights are represented as standing upon a chequered pavement and resting upon their respective shields. At each upper corner are

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the seals of the Order, and of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, and the Arms of that Preceptory occupy a central position between the seals. The address, which fills the space betwen the figures of the Knights, runs as follows:—

Militia Templi.

United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, under the Great Priory of England and Wales.

The Eminent Preceptor, Officers, and Knights of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York, England,

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Knights of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, United States, send Fraternal Greetings

On the occasion of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, at Chicago, U.S., in August 1880, and desire, whilst expressing regret that circumstances render it an impossibility for any of their Knights to accept the kindly proffered hospitality of their American Fratres, to assure them that their hearts will be with them at the great gathering of the Order, and that they will then and ever cherish for their

Brethren in Arms

on the opposite shores of the great ocean the warmest feelings of chivalric regard, as well as most fraternal and pleasurable reminiscences of the visit of the Pilgrim Knights to York, in 1878.

Signed on behalf of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, by—

Wm. Thos. Orde-Powlett E.P.	James Meek P.E.P.
T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. Reg.	William Lawton P.E.P.
George Simpson Constable	William Valentine P.E.P.
J. E. M. Young Marshal	J. S. Cumberland P.E.P.

We may add that the initial letters throughout the address all contain appropriate designs connected with Masonry and the Order. The address has been photographed, and we are asked to state that copies may be obtained at cost price (3s), on application to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the G. L. of Scotland was held on Friday, the 5th inst.—the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. The Earl of Kintore was at his post as Senior Grand Warden; and Brother William Mann, Proxy District Grand Master of all India, acted as Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were:—Sir A. C. Campbell of Blythswood, Substitute Grand Master; Brothers D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. T. N. Wanuop, Grand Chaplain; James Caldwell of Craigiclea, Junior Grand Deacon; F. L. Law, Grand Jeweller; C. W. Maxwell Müller, Grand Director of Music; William M. Bryce, Grand Tyler. Brothers Mackintosh Balfour, Bombay, Grand Master of all India; T. J. King District Grand Secretary of South Australia; and James Williams, Port Adelaide, were amongst the visitors; and there were also present:—Brothers G. D. Clayhills Henderson, Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire; Dr. Falconer, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales; Alexander Hay, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica; James H. Neilson, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela; F. A. Barron, Past Grand Senior Warden; Albert Apthorpe, Past Grand Marshal; and the following representatives of Foreign G. Lodges:—Brothers R. S. Brown, Kentucky; George Maclean, Nebraska; W. Officer, Grand Orient of Egypt; Thomas Swinton, Liberia; George Fisher, Cuba; F. A. Brown, Iowa; John Baird, Cuba. The following Grand Lodges were also represented:—The Grand National Mother Lodge of the three Globes, Prussia; Royal York, Prussia, Saxony, Canada, New Brunswick, West Virginia, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Wyoming. Apologies for absence were intimated from Brothers the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Junior Grand Warden; Earl of Haddington, Senior Grand Deacon; William Hay, Grand Architect; H. Y. D. Copland, Grand Sword-Bearer, and Proxy District Grand Master of Queensland; J. Wolfe-Murray of Cringletie, Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirkshires; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible-Bearer; James Crichton, Vice President of Grand Stewards; Captain Russell-Colt of Cartsherrie, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad; and Captain William Hills, Grand Marshal. Grand Lodge having been opened, Reports of the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges were received, with thanks:—England, New York, New Mexico, Arkansas, Florida, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Colon, Island of Cuba, the Netherlands, and New Hampshire. A vidimus prepared by the Grand Cashier was submitted, which showed that during the three months ending 24th July the income of Grand Lodge had exceeded its expenditure by about £470, and that the number of entrants to the Craft had been 1640. It was reported that Brothers James Dalrymple Duncan and John Johnson, Glasgow, and William Auchterlonie, Paisley, had been elected members of Grand Committee *ad interim*, in room of Brothers John Baird, F. A. Barron, and Robert Nisbet resigned. Grand Secretary submitted letters from Brother Sir James Bain, the first accepting the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow City Province, and the second withdrawing his note of acceptance, thanking Grand Lodge for the honour they had conferred on him, and respectfully declining the appointment. On the recommendation of Grand Committee, the following appointments were made:—Brother William Pearce to be Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City Province, in room of Brother Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, resigned; Brother Captain Clayhills Henderson to be Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire in room of Brother Lord Ramsay (now the Earl of Dalhousie), who had resigned on his election as a member of Parliament; Brother H. C. E. Muecke to be District Grand Master of South Australia, in room of Brother C. H. Todd Connor, resigned; and Brother Thomas Nisbet Robertson, Past Master, as representative to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in room of Brother Robert Gowan deceased. The Senior Grand Warden, the Earl of Kintore, was appointed to instal the New Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire. Reports were submitted from Grand Committee as to the propriety of erecting a Provincial Grand Lodge for the City of Edinburgh. That Committee had approved of a report by a special committee, to the effect that it was most desirable to have the twenty-six Lodges which are within the bounds of Edinburgh and Leith, and the ten country Lodges which are attached to the Metropolitan district, all placed under Provincial Grand Lodge supervision; but at a subsequent meeting Grand Committee resolved to request Grand Lodge to delay consideration of this subject until it had been further considered and again reported on. This was agreed to by Grand Lodge. Reports of a satisfactory nature were submitted from Brothers J. Clarke Forrest of Muirhouse and Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Provincial Grand Masters of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire East respectively. The annual report of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasons in India was submitted, and Grand Secretary was instructed to thank the Grand Secretary for the information it contained. From this report it appeared that there are now 30 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of India under Scotland, and that in 1879 there were 126 initiations, as compared with 97 in 1878. In a few districts the Lodges had suffered to some extent on account of the services of the military members comprising them being engaged on the frontier; while, on the other hand, in stations composed mostly of civilians there had been a marked improvement. Brother Atkins, who had consecrated the Lodge "Independence" at Lucknow, reported that at first they found it difficult to get a place for their meetings, but now they had purchased from Government an old Mahommedan mosque which, during the mutiny, was strongly entrenched and fortified by the mutineers, and had to be carried at the point of the bayonet. It had remained unused and dilapidated since the mutiny, but as the walls were seven feet thick, the building itself had suffered little. Now it had been thoroughly repaired, ante-rooms and outhouses had been built at a large outlay; and thus the Independence had one of the finest Lodge rooms in India. In compliance with a memorial from the Grand Lodge of all India, Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, sanctioned certain modifications of the law in connection with the working of that Grand Lodge, in respect of India being so vast a province and its railway communication being so imperfect. The Grand Master of all India thanked Grand Lodge for their resolution, and in the course of some interesting remarks gave a description of the parties that met in India, and spoke of the heartiness with which the work of the Craft was entered into in India. The time was not long past, he remarked, since they had much cause to complain of something like inattention to their interests on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but he had now to assure the Brethren that under the administration of the present Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, and owing to the energy of the Grand Secretary, the utmost satisfaction prevailed throughout all the Lodges in India. In conclusion, Brother Balfour expressed the great gratification which he felt in meeting the Brethren in Grand Lodge. After consideration, Grand Lodge passed a resolution providing for the more efficient working of Provincial Grand Lodges, by empowering all Provincial Grand Lodges to frame such bye-laws, in accordance with the laws and constitutions of Grand Lodge, as might be deemed necessary—these in the first place to be sanctioned by Grand Lodge. After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form. —*Edinburgh Courant.*

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. J. M. Clabon P.G.D. President, Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. Senior Vice-President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, the Rev. J. Stndholme Browurigg P.G.C., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Wm. Stephens, S. Rawson Past District Grand Master for China, J. D. Collier, H. Massey, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney G.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P., C. C. Dumas P.A.G.D.C., Charles Atkins, H. Garrod, A. L. Cole, W. H. Perryman, F. R. Spaull, Thomas Butt, Thomas W. Adams, S. W. Wilkinson, Wm. Clarke A.G.P., Thomas Wm. Murley, J. Brunker, J. H. Matthews, George Powell, Charles T. Kingsford, Nicholson Brown, L. Norden W.M. 205, Neville Green, T. H. Meredith, H. Carter, C. H. Webb, W. Bray, A. C. Moffatt, T. H. Vohmann, J. McPhail, J. W. Baldwin, John Hammond, E. H. Thiellay, Henry Lovegrove, Henry Speedy, A. J. Ireton, M. D. Loewenstark, H. Potter, Henry Shaw, E. Mallett, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Wm. Dodd, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. The Board of Masters was first held, after which the brethren, on the Lodge of Benevolence being opened, confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £295. Two out of thirteen new cases were deferred, not being complete. The remaining eleven were relieved with £415, the largest amount being a grant of £150.

Gr. High Priest Woodruff, of New York, has, according to the Utica *Herald*, decided that by the action of the Grand Lodge of New York forbidding Masonic intercourse with Masons hailing from the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, all Royal Arch Masons from the Jurisdiction of the New York Grand Chapter, and at the same time from the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, become at once virtually in a state of suspension in the Chapter, and must be excluded as visitors therefrom both in New York and Connecticut.

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"COXWOLD."

A Paper read before THE YORK COLLEGE, at a Regular Meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, on the 2nd of June 1880, by W. FRA. T. J. WILKINSON, VI°, Primus Ancient.

R.W. CH. ADEPT AND FRATRES,—Of the many interesting villages in North Yorkshire none probably is more delightfully situated than is Coxwold; by whatever way it is approached it is found environed with beauty. In its neighbourhood are numerous monastic remains—notably Byland, Newburgh, and Hode; whilst the natural scenery is of the most romantic and charming description. Its history, too, is intertwined with names that have a place in our national records and literature, whilst the village itself preserves a quaintness of architecture, and an old English aspect full of poetry and sentiment. Where will you find a more characteristic village inn of the olden time than the one which, with its whitewashed walls, old-fashioned windows, and thatched roof, extends its front under yon magnificent elm, and by its scrupulously clean exterior invites the sojourner to the hospitalities of "The Fauconberg Arms?" The romantic beauty of the village, diversified with hill and valley, wood and stream, speaks in its very name, suggested undoubtedly in the first instance by bird and tree. It appears in Domesday as *cuevalt*—two Saxon words, *cue* to cry, and *valt* a wood, signifying to cry in the wood, or cuckoo-wood. The Manor was then nine miles long, and four miles broad. At Coxwold was the seat of the noble family of Colvill which came here from Fifeshire. Robert, the heir of the house, was slain with his royal master James IV. at the battle of Flodden Field, A.D. 1513. Robert, the first lord, was knighted by Charles I., and created a baron by Charles II., and the Colvils were benefactors to Newburgh Priory in immediate proximity. Some part of their original hall probably remains in the village. Sir George Orby Wombwell, Bart., is now lord of the manor and owner of the soil.

In such a place it seems almost as easy to conjure up the past as to realise the actual present; and as we stroll up the wide, steep street, with the picturesque Grammar School on one hand, and the fine old Church on the other, and stand in front of "Shandy Hall"—little altered from the days when it was inhabited by Laurence Sterne—we find ourselves transported a century back. Here the facetious author of *Tristram Shandy* finished that work, and wrote his *Sentimental Journey*, spending the last eight years of his life—having been presented to the curacy of Coxwold by Lord Fauconberg. Here he enjoyed a "sweet retirement" in books, painting, fishing, and shooting, after foreign wanderings and London gaieties, and made the villagers familiar with his lean, lanky figure, his hectic and consumptive appearance, and his peculiar features—"his nose shaped as the Ace of Clubs, and his Voltairean mouth as the lower half of the Ace of Hearts." In a letter dated 7th June 1767, he says, "I am as happy as a prince at Coxwold, and I wish you could see in how princely a manner I live—'tis a land of plenty. I sit down alone to venison, fish, and wild fowl, or a couple of fowls or ducks; with cards, strawberries and cream, and all the simple plenty which a rich valley, under the Hambleton Hills, can produce . . . . . I have a hundred hens and chickens about my yard, and not a parishoner catches a hare, or a rabbit, or a trout, but he brings it as an offering to me." He died, not at Coxwold, but among strangers in a London lodging, on the first floor of No. 41 New Bond Street; on Tuesday, 22nd of March 1768; he was buried, no one attending as a mourner, in the graveyard of St. George's, Hanover Square, in the Bayswater Road; and on the night of Thursday, the 24th, he was sacrilegiously stolen from his grave. His body was taken, enclosed in a case, to Cambridge, where a gentleman who knew him whilst living was asked by the anatomical professor to attend a dissection. He went, and fainted as he recognised the body of his friend. It was remarked at the time that each fibre of Sterne's heart seemed relaxed and wrung with sorrow. What became of the mangled corpse is unknown. No sooner was he dead than his widow and daughter, who had been long estranged, to raise means sold all his books to Todd and Sotheran, booksellers in York. The following flippant and fulsome epitaph was placed over his empty grave:—

"Near this place lies the body of
THE REV. LAWRENCE STERNE, A.M.
Died March 18, 1768,
Aged 53 years,
'Ah! mollitèr ossa quiescant!'

"If a sound head, warm heart, and breast humane,
Consulted worth, and soul without a stain;
If mental powers could ever justly claim
The well-worn tribute of immortal fame;
STERNE was the man, who, with gigantic stride
Mowed down luxuriant follies, far and wide.
Yet what, though keenest knowledge of mankind
Unsealed to him the springs that move the mind,
What did it boot him? Ridiculed, abused,
By fools insulted, and by prudes accused.
In life, mild reader, view thy former fate;
Like him, despise what 'twere a sin to hate.

"This monumental stone was erected to the memory of the deceased by two Brother Masons; for although he did not live to be a member of their Society, yet all his incomparable performances evidently prove him to have acted by rule and square; they rejoice in this opportunity of perpetuating his high and irreproachable character to after ages."

Coxwold Church is finely situated on rising ground, and is dedicated to St. Michael. In the centre of the wall over the east window are boldly displayed the Fauconberg Arms. Some one remarking the incongruity of the fact, was answered by Sterne—"Come into the church, and you will see at once it is '*the house of the lord!*'" alluding to the imposing display of family monuments in the chancel. It has a fine perpendicular octagonal western tower, an open parapet in trefoil, crocketed pinnacles in the angles and between the windows, and gargoyles representing grotesque human heads. The original church is supposed to have been built about the year 700; the present structure consists of nave and chancel, the latter rebuilt in 1767, and the edifice generally exhibits the architecture of the time of Henry VI. There is no break in the wall of the present chancel, and the only opening in its south wall is a plain pointed doorway. The east window is of five lights. The nave is lighted on the north side by five fine windows of three lights, and on the south by four, the fifth space being occupied by the porch. The ceiling is panelled, and has grotesque painted heads and figures at the intersections; and there are remnants of richly stained glass in the upper portions of the windows, representing archangels and saints.

In the porch is the following curious but mutilated inscription:—"Ecclesiæ de Brinton rectoris et patroni filia Elizabetha Faucon ex primis virgo virginibus adventu sponsi epistolans atrio hoc sacrato discubuit sum 28, Dni 1654 Oct, dormiente Jesu respice . . . . surgente rea . . . ." At the entrance is an ancient flat tombstone much worn, bearing the representation of an axe laid across the shaft of a cross-fleury standing on two steps. There is also in the nave a brass with an inscription partially illegible.

The elaborate and costly monuments of the Fauconbergs have always proved a source of attraction to the Church. The oldest is a painted and gilded altar-tomb to Sir William Bellasyse, who died 11th April 1603, supporting two recumbent figures representing the Knight and his lady, their heads tabled, their feet resting on a stag and a lion respectively, with figures of their five children on the dado, all in the costume of their time; and architectural ornaments with blazoned shields, &c., reaching to the ceiling. It exhibits the workman's name to the following curious legend:—"John Brown Did Carve this Tomb Himselfe alone, of Haslewood Stone." On the north side of the chancel is a beautiful piece of statuary in white marble, surmounted by the family arms, and the motto "*Bonne et belle assez.*" In a recess are life-size effigies of Thomas Earl Fauconberg, and Henry his son, the former with a viscount's coronet in his hand, and dressed in his Parliamentary robes, the latter in a Roman habit. Two angels support a crown of glory above, and a long Latin inscription is in parallel columns below. This lord, who died 31st December 1700, aged 72, married as his second wife, at Whitehall, with all imaginable pomp, Mary, daughter of Oliver Cromwell, of whom Bishop Burnet writes that "She was a wise and worthy woman, more likely to have maintained the post of Protector than either of her brothers, according to the saying that went of her, that those who wore breeches deserved petticoats, but if those in petticoats had been in breeches they would have held faster." It was as the consequence of her well-planned and boldly executed manœuvre that her descendants at Newburgh Priory claim to possess and reverently guard the bones of the Lord Protector.

A massive monument of Grecian design on the south side bears effigies of Thomas, Viscount Fauconberg, and Barbara, his wife, kneeling on cushions facing the east; and on the same side is a high altar-tomb, with Gothic canopy and spiral work, but no effigies, containing the remains of Henry, Earl Fauconberg, who died in 1802, and Charlotte, his wife, who died in 1780. A neat Gothic monument on the north of the chancel is erected to the memory of the late Sir George Wombwell, Bart., who died in 1855. Opposite to it is one to the memory of the third son of William IV. who died in 1856 whilst on a visit to Newburgh.

The Tower contains three bells, two of the 17th century, and one dated 1771. The Registers are preserved from 1583.

The village has a Free Grammar School in the Tudor style, nearly opposite the Church, founded in 1603 by Sir John Harte, knt., citizen and grocer of the city of London, originally a poor boy, born at Kilburn, near Coxwold, who found humble employment at a wholesale grocer's in London. He was advanced in course of time, became a partner, married his master's daughter, and eventually became Lord Mayor of London, and was knighted. There is also a "Poor man's Hospital," founded by Thomas Earl Fauconberg in 1696, and other endowments for the benefit of the poor in various forms, to which the present proprietor has generously added.

REVIEWS.

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All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

Freemasonry according to the Discoveries of Belzoni and Commander Gorringe. Also Egyptian Symbols compared with those discovered in American Mounds. By John A. Weisse, M.D., Author of "Origin, Progress, and Destiny of the English Language and Literature." With coloured and plain Illustrations, the Hieroglyphs of the American and English Obelisks and Translations into English by Dr. S. Birch. New York: J. W. Bouton, 706 Broadway. 1880.

WE pointed out some time ago in some comments we offered on the alleged discovery of Masonic Symbols by Lieut.-Commander Gorringe, U.S.A. Navy, that, before expressing a well-defined opinion on the value of such discoveries, it would be necessary we should have further information. All we knew at the time was that in making his arrangements for the removal on shipboard of the Obelisk, presented by the Egyptian to the American Government, with a view to its being transported to New York, Commander Gorringe discovered certain stones which, in his opinion, and that of others, were Masonic in their character, and as such might be regarded as evidence of the

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meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dallas, a candidate for raising, was interrogated; the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This Lodge is opened every Tuesday evening throughout the year, at eight o'clock, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. P.M. Wallington.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The regular meeting was held on the 13th inst., at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present—Bros. Cohen W.M., Dix S.W., Stephens J.W., Richardson S.D., Loane J.D., P.M. Cundick Preceptor, P.M. Musto Secretary, Tyer I.G., P.M. Barnes, P.M. Webb, West, Eschwege, Clayton, Macdonald, &c. After due observance of formalities, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cundick acting as candidate. Bro. Macdonald worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was lowered, and Bro. Dix was elected to the chair for the ensuing Lodge meeting.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.—The regular meeting of this influential Lodge was held at the School House, opposite the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday the 7th inst. Present:—Bro. C. J. Dodd W.M., Smalman Smith J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewel P.P.G.O. Secretary, C. E. Birch J.D., H. L. Hall I.G., W. C. Banks I P.M., E. J. Dodd P.M., A. W. Duret P.M.; Thorpe, Jno. Waller, Pilliner, Stevenson, Stewart, Morgan and Taylor. Visitors:—A. O. Steed P.P.J.W. Suffolk and John G. Horsey I.P.M. Sackville Lodge 1619. Lodge was opened about three p.m., in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Wm. Stewart and Rufus Stevenson, candidates for passing, were then entrusted and they retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and these brethren passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. There were four candidates for initiation, viz.:—Mr. Richard Langley, Mr. Philip Hanmer, Mr. Jos. Ithall Birch, and Mr. F. J. Crowest. The ballot proving unanimous, these gentlemen were duly admitted into the secrets of Freemasonry. The degrees were conferred in a very able and careful manner by the W.M. Bro. C. J. Dodd, to whom great praise is due, as also to all his Officers for their support. After other business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a well provided banquet at Bro. John Waller's, the Amherst Arms Hotel, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured and a very pleasant evening passed.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning town, on Tuesday, 17th inst. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Myers S.W., Brownsom J.W., Forss S.D., Johnson J.D., Watson I.G., Worsley Secretary, Musto Preceptor; also P.M.'s Barnes, Wiltshire, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Johnson answered the necessary questions. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Forss worked the sections of the degree, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Myers was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked, commencing with those of the second ceremony. Bro. Barnes referred to the summer outing of the members on the previous day; he was highly pleased with the manner in which it had been conducted; the arrangements had made it a great success. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their exertions. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Musto and carried unanimously. On Tuesday next the business of the evening will commence at seven o'clock precisely.

United Service Lodge, No. 1428.—On Friday evening, 13th inst., at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall,

Worn Ivory Brushes Re-filled and Re-polished to look Equal to New.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST.

1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing. (Emergency)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith

MONDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 9
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, White Swan, Coleman-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsdand, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 24th AUGUST.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,

WEDNESDAY, 25th AUGUST.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham (Install.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
271—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
368—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1494—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th AUGUST.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 27th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R. A. 690—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 28th AUGUST.

1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Gainforth, there being also present Bros. A. Buckle I.P.M., J. Todd P.M. and Treasurer, T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, M. Rooke S.W., J. S. Rymer J.W., T. G. Hodgson as Sec., Rev. A. B. Day Chaplain, Garbutt S.D., Draper J.D., Hopkins Organist, Holling as I.G., and several other members and visitors. Mr. White (War Office, York) having been accepted, was initiated by the W.M., the charge being delivered by the S.W. Bro. Todd P.M. presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Lord Zetland, a photograph of his Lordship, and on behalf of Brother W. J. Hughan a copy of the Constitutions of 1836. Bro. Todd stated that the series of Constitutions in the possesion of the Lodge was now complete, with one exception, owing to the kind exertions of Bro. Hughan. Votes of thanks to the donors were proposed by Bro. Buckle P.M., seconded by Bro. Whytehead P.M., and carried unanimously. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie, thanking the Lodge for a sympathetic letter received on the occasion of the death of his uncle the late Grand Secretary, and it was ordered to be placed on the minutes. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the best form of testimonial to Bro. J. Todd P.M. was brought up. It recommended a grant from the Lodge, to be supplemented by a subscription, limited to half a guinea. On the motion of Bro. Whytehead, seconded by Bro. Buckle, the report was adopted. Bro. Todd moved a resolution expressive of the sense of the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of their late Bro. J. Ward, which was seconded by Bro. Balmford P.M. and carried in solemn silence. After the close of the Lodge a number of the brethren met at the table of refreshment, when many Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. During the Lodge proceedings a resolution was passed regretting the departure from York of the brethren of the St. Patrick's Lodge (4th Dragoon Guards), and wishing them all prosperity. It was ordered to be signed by the W.M. and Secretary, and forwarded to the W.M. at Aldershot Camp.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among the latter the following did honour to the occasion, Bros. Jno. Wood W.M. 48, Jno. Braithwaite W.M. 1427, Jno. Page P.M. 406, J. T. Taylor P.M. 1676, G. E. Macarthy J.W. 1427, H. Dixon S.D. 1427, J. W. Gibson I.G. 1427, H. S. Bird Sec. 1661, H. Usher Sec. 511. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Jno. Duckitt jun., assisted by his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jno. Usher I.P.M., Thomas Prentice S.W., Charles B. Ford J.W., Jno. Spearman Treasurer, E. J. Gibbon Sec., Jos. Cook D.C., Thos. Stafford S.D., Thos. Dinning J.D. who acted in the absence of D. McDonald, R. Ferry Organist, Jno. Mackay I.G., Lowry S.S., Thos. Dinning J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. Bro. R. V. Dobson having satisfactorily answered the

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questions, received the test of merit and retired for preparation. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. R. V. Dobson having been re-admitted, was passed by the W.M. in a very praiseworthy manner. After the investment Bro. Usher I.P.M. continued the ceremony in the N.E., Bro. Prentice S.W. explaining the working tools. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the tracing board. The Lodge having been closed to the first degree the discussion of the Amended Bye Laws was proceeded with, the same being adopted. The Lodge having been closed in love and harmony the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, while the efforts of several musical brethren rendered the evening very enjoyable.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 573.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Shenston Hotel, Halesowen. Present—Bros. Josiah Beckley W.M., W. B. Keen S.W. and W.M. elect, G. F. Grove J.W., E. Prentress Secretary, G. T. Bloomer Treasurer, W. M. Pritchard S.D., W. Waldron J.D., W. Somers P.M. D.C., E. Brettell Steward, John Toy I.G., C. Southall Tyler. Past Masters Bros. P. H. Bloomer, A. Pearson, G. P. Chapman, T. G. Bloomer, W. R. Colbourn, C. E. Bloomer, J. G. Beasley. Visitors—Bros. R.W. W. Masefield D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, W. Bristow P.G.S., I. Foley P.G.S.B., J. Hartley 252, J. Boddington P.M. Unity Lodge 567 P.P.D.C. Warwickshire. Business—The circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The Lodge formally received the D.P.G.M. and his Officers, and the W.M. for the ensuing year was duly installed; he appointed his Officers. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the D.P.G. Master for his attendance. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860. — On Tuesday, 17th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Clark W.M., Polak S.W., Carr J.W., Brasted S.D., Marsh J.D., J. Lorkin Secretary, Smyth I.G., Wallington Preceptor, Dallas, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dallas, a candidate for raising, was interrogated; the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This Lodge is opened every Tuesday evening throughout the year, at eight o'clock, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. P.M. Wallington.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The regular meeting was held on the 13th inst., at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present—Bros. Cohen W.M., Dix S.W., Stephens J.W., Richardson S.D., Loane J.D., P.M. Cundick Preceptor, P.M. Musto Secretary, Tyer I.G., P.M. Barnes, P.M. Webb, West, Eschwege, Clayton, Macdonald, &c. After due observance of formalities, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cundick acting as candidate. Bro. Macdonald worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was lowered, and Bro. Dix was elected to the chair for the ensuing Lodge meeting.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.—The regular meeting of this influential Lodge was held at the School House, opposite the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday the 7th inst. Present:—Bro. C. J. Dodd W.M., Smalman Smith J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewel P.P.G.O. Secretary, C. E. Birch J.D., H. L. Hall I.G., W. C. Banks I P.M., E. J. Dodd P.M., A. W. Duret P.M.; Thorpe, Jno. Waller, Pilliner, Stevenson, Stewart, Morgan and Taylor. Visitors:—A. O. Steed P.P.J.W. Suffolk and John G. Horsey I.P.M. Sackville Lodge 1619. Lodge was opened about three p.m., in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Wm. Stewart and Rufus Stevenson, candidates for passing, were then entrusted and they retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and these brethren passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. There were four candidates for initiation, viz.:—Mr. Richard Langley, Mr. Philip Hanmer, Mr. Jos. Ithall Birch, and Mr. F. J. Crowest. The ballot proving unanimous, these gentlemen were duly admitted into the secrets of Freemasonry. The degrees were conferred in a very able and careful manner by the W.M. Bro. C. J. Dodd, to whom great praise is due, as also to all his Officers for their support. After other business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a well provided banquet at Bro. John Waller's, the Amherst Arms Hotel, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured and a very pleasant evening passed.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning town, on Tuesday, 17th inst. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Myers S.W., Brownsom J.W., Forss S.D., Johnson J.D., Watson I.G., Worsley Secretary, Musto Preceptor; also P.M.'s Barnes, Wiltshire, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Johnson answered the necessary questions. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Forss worked the sections of the degree, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Myers was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked, commencing with those of the second ceremony. Bro. Barnes referred to the summer outing of the members on the previous day; he was highly pleased with the manner in which it had been conducted; the arrangements had made it a great success. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their exertions. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Musto and carried unanimously. On Tuesday next the business of the evening will commence at seven o'clock precisely.

United Service Lodge, No. 1428.—On Friday evening, 13th inst., at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth, an interesting presentation was made, in the presence of a large number of Past Masters and members. The recipient was Bro. T. Mares, and the testimonial consisted of a Treasurer's massive gold jewel, with the following inscription on its back:—"Presented to Bro. T. Mares, by the members of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, as a token of their fraternal regard for his valuable services as Treasurer for the past seven years. August, 1880." The jewel, which was manufactured by Messrs. H. M. Emanuel and Sons, jewellers and silversmiths to the Queen, Ordnance Row, Portsea, is of eighteen carat gold, and has flags on each side, while at its lower part are two cross guns, with shot and wreath, in the centre being a garter of blue enamel, on which are two cross anchors, and the brooch bears upon it the number of the Lodge. The presentation, which was made by the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. G. R. Strick, was suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At Bro. Stevenson's, The Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. On Monday, 16th inst. Present:—Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., Partridge S.W., Lewis J.W.; also Bros. McDonald, Robson, Kimbell, Seymour-Clarke Sec., and others. After preliminaries, the Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, and Bro. Kimbell answered questions and was entrusted, when the ceremony of raising was well rehearsed by the W.M. Practice was then made in opening and closing, and Bro. Partridge was elected W.M. for Monday next. Bro. Myers the Preceptor, in company with the members of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, was at their summer outing; the duties of his office were, however, most ably performed by Bro. McDonald.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held its regular meeting at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street Road, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Bros. R. H. Halford P.M. of 228 presided. Bros. W. Williams S.W., Charles J.W., R. Pearcy P.M. 228 Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Payn S.D., Hirst J.D., Rothschild I.G., and a fair attendance of brethren. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. Bro. H. P. Isaac, the W.M. of 1693, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the next meeting, Tuesday 24th inst., when it is to be hoped brethren who wish to gain knowledge of that ceremony will avail themselves of the opportunity. Lodge meets at 8 p.m.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, on Thursday, 12th inst. Present: Bros. A. Jones W.M., Rickwood S.W., C. Andrews J.W., C Bellerby S.D., C. Porter J.D., Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, E. J. Brown, C. O. Walter, J. J. Clarke, J. Wells. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. O. Walter candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a very able manner. Bro. Andrews worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro Rickwood was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on 26th inst.

Handyside Lodge, No. 1618.—The annual festival of the Handyside Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1618, and installation of the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, took place at the Lodge Rooms, Saltburn, on Monday, 9th inst. There was a numerous attendance of Past Masters and brethren from the neighbouring Lodges. The Lodge was opened in ample form, after which Bro. Geo. Taylor (the W.M. elect) was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Geo. Marwood, R.W. P.D.P.G.M., who, in a most impressive manner, installed Bro. Taylor as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the following Officers were appointed and invested, viz.:—Bros. H. N. Ground I.P.M., H. Adairson S.W., T. Dickinson J.W., John Walton S.D., I. Robinson J.D., D. W. Dixon Treasurer, Edwin Ianson Secretary, John Goundry S., H. I. Webster S., Wm. Harland I.G., R. Deighton O.G. The brethren dined together in the evening at the Zetland Hotel, when a most *récherché* spread was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Verini.

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MR. O'DONNELL, M.P., ON FREEMASONRY.

IT is a pity that when gentlemen rise in their place in Parliament for the purpose of denouncing or misrepresenting Freemasonry, they are not at the pains to ascertain what it really is. On Tuesday evening, in a long speech on the constitution and functions of the Royal Irish Constabulary, Mr. O'Donnell was pleased to complain that "while members of secret societies were forbidden to enter the force, the rules yet admitted members of the greatest secret institution of all—the Masonic Order. They had no more right to encourage Masonry than Ribbonism, Fenianism, or any other secret society." He further objected "to the official patronage of Freemasonry, because it established a cliquism in the public service, which was dangerous in a force entrusted with the preservation of the public peace." Had Mr. O'Donnell taken the trouble of finding out, as he might easily have done, what our Society is, he would never have coupled it with Fenianism or Ribbonism. Many books have been written for the purpose of explaining to the world what Masonry is, and what its aims and objects, its laws and constitutions. Had he consulted one of these numerous publications he would at once have discovered that a Mason and a Fenian have nothing in common. The latter belongs to a political organisation whose object, so far as we know, is the overthrow of the Queen's Government in Ireland. The former is loyal to the government of his country, whatever its form may be, or by whomsoever administered. Masons have nothing in common with the members of secret religious societies. The former respect all religions equally, the latter respect only the religion they profess, and take every possible opportunity of denouncing and injuring all other religions. Lastly, Masonry is not even a secret society in the same sense as Fenianism and the other bodies Mr. O'Donnell specified or referred to. Masons are registered in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Parliament, and are known as such to the government officials; but what do these latter know of Fenianism and its ramifications, and who belong to it, unless indeed some traitorous member discloses their names, or an outbreak against the government takes place, and a score or two of the fellows are taken red-handed? Mr. O'Donnell may safely lay the flattering unction to his soul that the Queen has no more loyal subjects in any part of her vast dominions than the Irish Freemasons, and none who are less likely to offend the religious scruples or instincts of their fellow subjects. It would be better for the peace of Ireland if all its inhabitants were as loyal, or as sincerely respected the principles of those who profess a different religious faith.

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with the former, nor would any reasonable Editor entertain the idea of excluding any communication which might throw light on the subject, provided, of course, the space at his disposal allowed of its being inserted. But there are so many who mistake assertion for argument, so many who merely dogmatise, and on whom all argument, be it never so lucid and powerful, is utterly thrown away. What right have these to exclaim against the editorial *fiat*, when they find their letters left out, because he, in the exercise of his undoubted right, and in the fulfilment of his most responsible duty, considers that illogical assertions are in no wise calculated to secure logical deductions?

There is no subject which has caused us more trouble or involved us more with our correspondents than that which concerns the true definition of Freemasonry. We are old-fashioned enough to stand fast by the doctrines of its earliest expositors, that Freemasonry is a morality, and that while all religious and political discussions are properly forbidden in our Lodges, no mere morality can hope to prosper which does not rest its foundations on that abstract religious faith, which recognises a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being as its most important cardinal principle, and legal obedience to the powers that be as the be-all and end-all of its political faith. We do not stay to consider whether the religious basis takes the form of Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism, or Buddhism, nor does it occur to us to inquire if a man's political creed inclines to Imperialism, Monarchism, or Republicanism. If we find he recognises there is a God who ruleth all things, and by whom all things were made, and if we know him to be loyal to the government of the country in which he lives, we hold that he is a true Freemason. We do not hold that Masonry is a religion, because it cannot justly exist without a religious basis; nor can we allow that the English brother who is loyal to his sovereign is more or less of a Freemason than his American cousin, who obeys in all things the laws and constitution of the United States. We regard the Masonic Lodge as a place in which men of all religious and political creeds may meet and grasp the hand of good fellowship and brotherly love; but we say emphatically, it is not the place for the man who has no sense of religion, or who refuses to be bound by any considerations of loyalty—in a political sense. It must be obvious, then, that holding as we do these doctrines, we dare not, with all the desire in the world to permit free discussion, admit such communications as, if they have any aim at all, are intended to subvert the very foundations of Freemasonry. The editor of a Christian paper would never dream of allowing any letter to appear in his pages, which rejected the divinity of Christ, nor would the editor of a Jewish paper allow the insertion in his of any letter which accepted such divinity. Brethren, therefore, who ask for space in which they may be permitted to do all they can to shatter the edifice of English Freemasonry must not be surprised at our refusing them. Let them, if they will, assert that Freemasonry is only "a civil or lay institution." We have no objection to their so thinking, but then we argue that no "civil or lay institution" can or should exist, which does not begin by recognising belief in the existence of God and loyalty to constitutional authority as the fundamental bases of all mundane institutions. We hold that our Grand Lodge acted wisely and well when it forbade all intercourse with those French Masons who deny or ignore those fundamental truths. A body is not worth preserving when it has lost its vitality, and Freemasonry without the life that was breathed into it by its founders will be the stupidest as well as the veriest of all counterfeits.

There are, no doubt, many things which might appropriately be struck out of our lectures and ceremonies—some, merely because they are out of place, and others because they are both out of place and apt to excite ridicule, but of those many things belief in God is certainly not one. And as in all correspondence a line must be drawn between what is admissible and what inadmissible, it is as well we should state as explicitly as the English language will permit, that all letters will be rejected which deny that some kind of religious belief—no matter what its colour or character may be—is an integral part of Freemasonry.

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A PECULIAR SYSTEM OF MORALITY.

WE have all been taught that "Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," but how few of us have apparently realized that this system of morality is such that it must render the earnest searcher after more light pure in thought, truthful in word, and holy and charitable in deed. We maintain that our system is a vitalized embodiment of all that is to be found good and upright, pure and holy in science and philosophy. The Mason from the day of his initiation until the hour of his death is only, after all, a *student* of our mysteries. Our master minds, and the giant intellects of the Craft, are alike unable to fathom the hidden meaning of *every* quarry, and daily the workmen, amidst the stones and rubbish, and the delvers in the mines, discover precious treasures, that for ages have been hidden and neglected. The science of Freemasonry is a theo-philosophy of the grandest and most liberal type. Before our altar kneel the Christian, the Hindoo, the Red Man, the Hebrew, the Unitarian, the Parsee and the Brahmin, and all can take the Brother's hand and join with him on bended knee in his prayers of praise and oblation to the God of Truth. And it is through "our peculiar system of morality" that each in his own mind, and by means of the electric current that courses through his own thoughts, traces to the Fountain Head the Deity of Morality.

We hear men talk of the morality of the day, and we fairly shudder at the thought. Every grade of society is impregnated with the most gross and licentious immorality. All classes are tainted with it, and the Church makes an unsuccessful effort to resist it. *Resist it!*

The fact is Church and Fashion too often go hand in hand in veiling with a gauze of gossamer the tainted pollution of our cities and the vile immorality of the country. What absurdity for preachers of God's Holy Word to thunder diatribes on the Sunday from the pulpit against the immorality of the age, and then, during the week, instead of going forth to "save the fallen and rescue the dying," content themselves with talking soft platitudes to indolent mammas, mincing daughters, and worldly-minded fathers, and *carefully avoiding* to allude, even in a whisper, to the wild oats of the young gentleman, the son and heir. Oh! dear no! "Young men will be young men. By and bye John will settle down and marry, and then it will be all right. All young men are a *leetle* wild, Mr. So and So." And Parson Soft-soap wends his way to another house to give expression to similarly stale ideas, and perhaps meeting Master John, pokes him in the ribs and says: "You are a bad boy, Master John. I have been telling mamma and papa you must settle down, &c." This is the morality of the hour. Wink at the disgusting habits of young men, allow them to besot themselves with wine and alcoholic drink, and by their vile allurements entice the innocent and virtuous from a path of happiness, and then having accomplished their purposes and gratified their lust, hurl their poor victims from them as polluted and unclean things into the very jaws of hell. Freemasonry recognizes no such morality as this; a morality one-sided and unjust; a morality based on a wrong and built up in foul-mouthed deceit and sin. Very truly has the poet expressed himself on this point in the following lines, entitled

"STONE THE WOMAN—LET THE MAN GO FREE."

Yes, stone the woman—let the man go free!
Draw back your skirts, lest they perchance may touch
Her garment as she passes; but to him
Put forth a willing hand to clasp with his
That led her to destruction and disgrace.
Shut up from her the sacred ways of toil,
That she no more may win an honest meal;
But ope to him all honourable paths,
Where he may win distinction. Give to him
Fair, pressed down measures of life's sweetest joys.
Pass her, O maiden, with a pure broad face
If she puts out a poor, polluted palm;
But lay thy hand in his on bridal day,
And swear to cling to him with wifely love
And tender reverence. Trust him who led
A sister woman to a fearful fate.
Yes, stone the woman—let the man go free!
Let one soul suffer for the guilt of two—
It is the doctrine of a hurried world,
Too out of breath for holding balances
Where nice distinctions and injustices
Are calmly weighed. But, ha! how will it be
On that strange day of final fire and flame
When men shall wither with a mystic fear,
And all shall stand before the one true Judge?
Shall sex make *them* a difference in sin?
Shall He, the searcher of the hidden heart,
In this eternal and fine decree,
Condemn the woman and forgive the man?

The above expresses our peculiar system of morality perfectly. Freemasons are neither snivelling hypocrites nor nasal-twanged Pharisees, nor canting knaves wearing lugubrious countenances and lips curled down, as if God never intended man to smile, and who, in their idiotic and conceited self-complacency, imagine that because their little souls cannot enjoy the innocent pleasures of the young, or the quieter amusements of the aged, they are God's chosen children. The kiss of childhood to such is desecration, the song of the lark on a Sunday morning disturbs their devotions, and it is a crime to contemplate the Deity of nature on the Lord's Day, "beside the babbling brook," amidst the perfume of flowers, the green of the woods, the chirp of the squirrel and the carol of nature's songsters. All these things are immoral in the eyes of such men. What a morality! Now our peculiar system, which allows such liberality of thought in religious matters, permits equal latitude in things pertaining to morality. Freemasonry does not teach man to despise and shun those that have erred; she does not say to her votaries, "Bro. A. is drinking," or, "Bro. B. is cursing and swearing; let's kick them both

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out!" No; she sends forth her sons to save such men, to bring them back to the fold; to try every means in their power to rescue them from the temptations with which they are surrounded, and as the Nazarene told those who were free from sin to cast the first stone, so we endeavour to do the same, and should ever be ready to use every effort to draw the drunkard back from the fires of a living hell, that are literally gnawing at his very vitals, and to save and rescue the fallen sister, who, believing in man's honour, has been robbed of all that is dearest to woman. Our peculiar system of morality teaches us that those unfortunates are to be saved, and not condemned, that it is an honour and not a disgrace to hold out the hand of love and give the kiss of friendship to those debased and unhappy ones, searching for God in profound darkness, wandering in blackness, because the *morality* of the world decries and denounces them, till all at once the bright electric effulgent rays of the light of the morality of Freemasonry displays the goodness and glory of the Heavenly Father—the Essence and Fountain Head of our peculiar system of morality.

The service of Freemasonry develops this peculiar system of morality by a continuous series of lessons. The various implements of architecture are applied symbolically for moral purposes—all our surroundings we are taught to view as illustrations of one great truth, and so the mind of the Freemason is constantly enabled to deduce, a practical lesson on morality from every leaf that blows and every bud that blooms, every bird that sings, and every fish that swims "midst the unfathomable mysteries of the ocean"— and all his morality is founded on a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, who would not see the smallest creature crushed or the frailest flower injured, whose thoughts are on the welfare of the children of men, and who grieves over those who oppose His will or disobey His simple and benign laws. The Masonic code of morality is vitalized by his breath, for it is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and has for its foundation a belief, firm and steadfast, in the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man. Now, since such is the case, how particularly careful should the Sons of Light be not to sully the reputation of the Brotherhood by a careless and thoughtless life. God has given every man a mission to perform, and the Mason's duties are numerous and arduous.

The Mason is not, in one sense, a *free* man, because he has taken upon himself, of his free will and accord, certain solemn obligations, which it is his duty, his *privilege*, we should say, to perform. If a Mason neglects these duties, he neglects God, and if he neglects God, he is no true Son of Light. There is no necessity at this time to expatiate upon those duties, but the Brother must recollect one thing, *they are not confined to the Craft alone.* If a Brother finds none wanting aid or advice in the Lodge or among the Brethren, he will find hundreds outside, and our peculiar system of morality teaches him that his duty lies amongst such as are in misery, sickness and despair. There is much for Masons to accomplish, but in order to fulfil their holy mission they must themselves uphold man's honour, protect and reverence woman's virtue, and be faithful and true to the Divine ordinances of the Godhead. Then, and then only, will Hiramites thoroughly understand and rigidly practise our peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, Colonel James Peters, C. H. Webb, Fred. Binckes, Arthur E. Gladwell, and Bro. Weber (for Secretary). There were no petitions before the Committee, and the business was of a purely formal character.

Bro. James Francis, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk Minstrel troupe, will take his eighth annual benefit on Wednesday, the 8th September. A special programme of more than ordinary length and brilliancy is announced, and the troupe will be greatly strengthened for the occasion, the number of performers, vocal and instrumental together, being increased to one-and-forty. It is hardly necessary to add that the programme abounds in novelties, almost every, if not every, song being described as "new," or specially written or composed for the interesting occasion. We anticipate that Bro. Francis, as at previous benefits, will have a house full to overflowing.

It affords us much pleasure to be able to announce to our readers that Bro. Kent, lately of the Moorgate Station Restaurant, has now established himself as proprietor of the Kings' Arms Hotel, Kew Green, close to the Royal Gardens. Here Bro. Kent will accord a hearty welcome to his numerous friends and patrons, while the frequent visitors to and residents in this Royal and popular hamlet are to be congratulated on having secured so worthy an addition to the number of its public caterers.

On the 20th inst., about 300 children from the Mile End Industrial Schools were taken for a day's excursion to Southend-on-Sea. The weather was fine, and fortunately there was a good tide, which served till the afternoon. Much credit is due to those who undertook the superintendence, one and all working untiringly and successfully to promote the happiness of their young charge. A word of praise must be given to the members of the band, which performed during the day a series of capital pieces. Bro. Froggatt is to be congratulated upon the result of his training, especially when the tender age of the pupils is considered. Among the friends who assisted we noticed Mr. W. Thacker, Vestry Clerk, Bro. Loane, the promoter of the trip, Mrs. Loane, Misses Furness, Bro. G. H. Stephens, &c.

UNITED G.L. ENGLAND.

THE following is the Business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st September 1880:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, Gosport £50
A Brother of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool £10 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath £50
A Brother of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford £150
A Brother of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, London £50
A Brother of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, London £100
The widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 288, Todmorden £50
The Widow of a Brother of the Beaureper Lodge, No. 787, Belper £50
A Brother of the Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport £50
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Hampton £150

3. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to report:—

(1.) Lodge No. 51 (Colchester) having passed a Brother after an insufficient interval from his initiation (viz. 27 days), the Board have ordered that the Brother be re-obligated in the Second degree, and have inflicted a fine of Two Guineas on the Lodge.

(2.) Lodge No. 113 (Preston) having initiated a Brother in the year 1875 for less than the regulated fee, and having omitted to return his name for registration, the Board have admonished the Lodge, and inflicted a fine of Two Guineas thereon.

(*Signed*) FRANK GREEN,
Vice-President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th August 1880.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th August instant, shewing a balance in the bank of England of £5,649 0s 5d; and in the hands of Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

4. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 21st of May 1880, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

5. Appeal of Brother Alexander Dimant, of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand (P.M., late of the Ballarat Lodge, then No. 1019, afterwards No. 717, Ballarat, Victoria), against a sentence of suspension passed on him by the District Grand Master of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, for breach of the Constitutions in publishing the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge without authority.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1862.—Stranton Lodge, West Hartlepool.
1863.—Priory Lodge, Tynemouth.
1864.—Western Polynesia Lodge, Nonmea, New Caledonia.
1865.—Lodge True Freemasonry, Saidpur, Bengal.
1866.—Seaforth Lodge, Cabul, Afghanistan.
1867.—Umvoti Lodge, Greytown, Umvoti, Natal.
1868.—Unity Lodge, Oldham, Lancashire.
1869.—Sandown Lodge, Sandown, Isle of Wight.
1870.—Kumaon Lodge, Nynee Tal, Bengal.
1871.—Goatling Murray Lodge, Hounslow, Middlesex.
1872.—St. Margaret's Lodge, Surbiton, Surrey.
1873.—United Service Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica.
1874.—Lechmere Lodge, Kidderminster.
1875.—Hercules Lodge, Tapanui, Otago, and Southland, New Zealand.
1876.—Flinders Lodge, Port Augusta, South Australia.

Note.—The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1881 will be published early in November next. Secretaries of Lodges willing to subscribe for copies of the Calendar are requested to notify to the Grand Secretary the number they will respectively require.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide Book of Constitutions, pp 64, 92, 93.

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SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

THAT nothing succeeds like success is a proposition which meets with general acceptation. Among the many instances where this holds good may be cited the recent successful visit of the brethren of the above Lodge of Instruction to the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne, on the 16th instant, being the second anniversary Summer Outing to which ladies were invited. The previous occasion, which was reported in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 13th September 1879, was marked by an entirely successful aspect, both as to locale and surroundings. The Committee—Bros. Musto, Pavitt, and Worsley—therefore exercised a wise discretion this year in again selecting the same locality. The number expected being larger than upon the last occasion, it was deemed advisable, as far as possible, to arrange for the party to go by rail. Liberal arrangements were made with the Great Eastern Railway Company, whereby a saloon and other first-class carriages were placed at the services of those who might wish to leave town early, so as to enjoy a long day. A large number availed themselves of these facilities, and were amply rewarded by the additional time at their disposal for enjoying the many sports and recreations which this popular resort affords. The weather fortunately continued fine, albeit somewhat dull. Of the sports, croquet proved a strong attraction, whilst at lawn billiards the skill of the brethren was markedly displayed. But if the palm must be awarded to any game, it should certainly be that of archery, which engrossed the attention of by far the greater number, and though the practice of the sterner sex was good, it was open to little doubt that the Maids Marian had the best of the encounter, in point of skill, at this ancient pastime. This need not be wondered at, if it be true that, according to the authority of Plato, archery was the invention of the goddess Diana. As Englishmen, it is perhaps well that the remembrance of a weapon which although it has cost us a Harold, a Richard, and other historic celebrities, has done good national service, and gained us many noted battles—from Cressy, Poictiers, and Agincourt downwards—should still be in vogue amongst us. Whilst these enjoyments were proceeding, many of the guests took the opportunity to inspect the admirable gardens for which the Crown Hotel is so justly famous. Here the general effect was satisfactory, although we missed the splendid show of Hollyhocks which once formed so notable a feature in these grounds; perhaps, however, their loss was more than compensated by the improved show of dahlias and phloxes, in great variety of beauty and colour. Nor need the visitor confine himself or herself to the gardens, for the beauties of the surrounding country invite one and all to indulge,—in a row or a walk along the silver Lea. Should we do either we are sure to come upon a brother who, as a disciple of Izaak Walton, has stolen away in seeming unsociability to enjoy the "gentle" sport. Little perhaps does he think—and the opportunity for thinking is surely his while engaged in such an occupation—that the stream upon whose crystal bosom he peacefully gazes has been the scene of many a stirring event. Yet hardly ten centuries ago it bore the gallant Norseman's fleet of pinnaces from the River Thames along the Lea, passing Broxbourne nearly to Hertford (for the tide flowed in those early times to that ancient city). Here, having entrenched themselves, the Danes made sad havoc among the neighbouring people, until king Alfred caused a wall, called Blackwall, to be built in the East of London, which, diverting the stream, stranded their vessels and left their fortifications high and dry. These latter give a name to the locality, Weir or Ware, which is one archæologists and savants have much interested themselves in assigning a reason for. Nor should the village itself be neglected, for the pedestrian will be well rewarded by a visit to the church, which is a handsome edifice in the decorative style of English Architecture, with a square tower supporting an octagonal spire. The church and village anciently belonged to the Knights of St. John. The ancient Manor House, too, has played its part in history, and formerly belonged to the Monks of Bermondsey. James I., on his march from Scotland, was entertained here. He was received by the Lord Keeper of the Seal, Lord Treasurer, Lord Admiral, and other notables, with all the pomp and circumstance of state. It may also be interesting to Freemasons to know that the principles dear to them are here well enforced. A school, free to the children of the parish, being sustained by an endowment since 1667, whilst an almhouse for six poor widows, and other minor benefactions exist. But the effect of out-door exercise, is making itself felt, and the pedestrian, the angler, and those who have been engaged in sports are gathering in the saloon, where a banquet has been prepared by Bro. T. Beningfield in his best style. Being favoured with an early view of the banquet room, we were struck with the perfection of the arrangements—the splendid ferns, suspended along the roof of the building, gave a cool and refreshing aspect to the table, on which a buttonhole of flowers had been laid for each visitor. The *menu* deserves a word of praise—for whilst it contained a list of good things to come, it also included a list of toasts, to which had been affixed a suitable Shaksperian quotation selected by a studious brother. As upon a former occasion, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Musto P.M. and Preceptor, who was ably supported by Bros. T. J. Barnes and W. H. Myers in the vice-chairs. Ample justice having been done to the good cheer, during the discussion of which some selections were performed by a capital band, under the direction of Mr. R. Hirst, Grace was said, and the President rose. The ladies, he said, would no doubt find more pleasure in walking about the grounds than in any dry speeches which might come from him. He would, therefore, for their sake, speak briefly. The first toast was one which was always responded to by men with great heartiness, by the ladies with enthusiasm, but most especially so by Freemasons. Her Majesty was a lady who was known to be dear to all, both as our Supreme head and the mother of several noted men and Masons. The next toast, Bro. Musto said, one dear to English Freemasons—was, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." As they were not all Masons, it would be highly improper to enter into his qualifications as Ruler of the Craft. The ladies look up to him as lovingly as we do, and he could assure them Masons acknowledge and revere the Prince of Wales. The toast "Success to the Friars Lodge of Instruction" was, the W.M. said, necessarily the toast of the day. It was the Festival of that Lodge which had brought them there. For two or three years it had engendered a great deal of good will and social feeling, in proof of which might be mentioned their last year's meeting. There had not been a single hitch upon that occasion to mar their pleasure, and he might claim the same remark as applicable to the present day. This success and social feeling were in a large measure due to their esteemed Bro. Pavitt, under whose roof they gathered, while their good working was attributable to the indefatigable Secretary Bro. Worsley. He could dilate at great length upon the excellent qualities possessed by these brethren, but the ladies would be better pleased to spend the time in the open air. The toast was most heartily received, and Bro. Worsley, in a warm eulogy on the Lodge of Instruction, claimed that it had been a genuine success, and it was second to none in London; statements, we may remark, that met with general approval. Bro. Barnes, after some humourous observations, said, as Bro. Worsley had stated, their Lodge of Instruction was second to none in London. However, the ladies would not understand this, but the brethren all knew what it meant. Personally he saw no reason why the ladies should not know what made up a successful Lodge of Instruction, and that without coming eighteen miles from home, and even then but once a year. The toast he had the honour of proposing was one which naturally emanated from the preceding one. The present Chairman was the Founder of the Lodge, but Bro. Worsley had undertaken the burden of calling them together; still if it had not been for Bro. Musto, who started the Lodge of Instruction, they would probably not have met to day. A better, worthier, and nobler fellow than Bro. Musto was not to be found. He was not a Mason of one or two years' standing only; he (Bro. Barnes) had known him intimately during a course of years, and a better fellow never lived. Any words more would be thrown away; he would ask them to drink the health of the chairman, and, quoting the text upon the menu, say, "Upon my soul, a proper man." Bro. Musto replied: For himself he had little to say, except to thank Bro. Barnes and those present for their kind appreciation of his services. His connection with the Friars Lodge of Instruction had been a most pleasant one; he had taken a great deal of interest in it, and so long as he lived he hoped to continue so to do. As Bro. Barnes had said so many kind things of him, he would appeal to all who knew him to credit him with sincerity of utterance in any remarks he might let fall concerning Bro. Barnes, of whom all he could say would be but gilding refined gold. Bro. Barnes is recognised as our Father in Freemasonry, and we owe to him whatever greatness we have achieved. What he (Bro. Musto) knew, and what incentive he had to acquire, was derived from Bro. Barnes. They likewise had that day as a vice president Bro. Myers. If Bro. Barnes was their father in Freemasonry, then Bro. Myers was his eldest son, and to him we must pay homage as well as to our dear old friend. Bro. Barnes, in acknowledging this compliment, said that the remark that Bro. Myers was his eldest son had set him thinking that in the Masonic circle he had been pained to witness that, as soon as a brother passed from among us, he was all but forgotten. One Bro. Austin, in life, had been called his first lieutenant; he (Bro. Barnes) would like, at future meetings, to keep in mind those brethren who had rendered special services, so that, though they might be cut off, and their faces seen no more, yet their memory should still be green. Bro. Myers also replied to the toast. The Treasurer, Bro. Pavitt, was next honoured. Of him the chairman remarked it was not necessary to say much. The longer they knew him, the more they respected him. He was one of the mainstays of the Lodge of Instruction, and his kind and genial reception was ever an inducement for the members to revisit the Lodge. (Cheers were then given for Bro. and Mrs. Pavitt.) Bro. Pavitt reviewed the progress of the Lodge; its career unquestionably had been a successful one, as was likewise this their second summer outing. He hoped they might have opportunities in future years of renewing the pleasant experiences of this day. The Secretary was next toasted, and in the course of his reply, Bro. Worsley said he had endeavoured to perform his duty, and to do his utmost to make this festive day of the Friars Lodge of Instruction a thoroughly successful one. He would rather wind up his speech by singing a song. This was done, and the Ladies were toasted, in felicitous terms, and Bro. Lowe, being a bachelor, was called upon to respond. He said he thought he was the wrong man in the right place. The ladies were deeply sensible of the kind and able manner in which their health had been proposed, their virtues extolled, and their beauty praised. They had appreciated their kind reception that day, but as they would now prefer to gain the open air, he would be brief, and thank the brethren for the honour done to the toast of the Ladies. The toasts were pleasantly interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Among those who assisted should be mentioned Bro. Worsley, who was accompanied by Miss Worsley; Miss A. Musto, who gave a charming rendering of "She wore a wreath of roses," and later in the day, by desire, "Darby and Joan;" Bro. Smith and others. A fantasia for four hands, from Meyerbeer's "Le Prophete," arranged by Bro. S. Smith, was performed by the Misses Cull, in a highly finished manner. The shades of evening were falling as the party again visited the gardens, where, after obtaining souvenirs of the day, in the shape of bouquets, a dancing party was formed, under the skilful direction of Bro. T. Loane, who acted as M.C. This, with an occasional interval for vocal music, took up the time available before the departure of the last train to London, in the comfortable carriages of which all reached town safely. As on the former occasion, one and all could say that, "As happy we had met, so happy we would part, and happy meet again."

So mote it be!

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE SACREDNESS OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You deserve the thanks of the Masonic community for your article on the above subject last week. The ballot is nothing, if not secret, and less than nothing, if its secrecy is not sacredly observed. It is not in your columns that I or any one else would venture to discuss the comparative merits of secret and open voting in parliamentary and other elections of public interest; nor, do I feel assured, would you permit me to do so if I were so disposed. But in Masonry, as in clubs, the ballot is the only possible mode for electing candidates for admission, and it is so for this very reason, that it is presumed to be secret. What, for instance, would be my feelings, or yours, dear Sir and Brother, if on admission to a Lodge or club, you or I sat next to one who had done his "possible" to keep us out? As I trust we are both possessed of common sense, we should probably say to ourselves that he was acting within his right, but should we be disposed to fraternise with him? Would there be no constraint in our intercourse, he being rendered uncomfortable because he had blackballed us, and we because we had been blackballed by him? On the other hand, and assuming, as I have a right to do, that the secrecy of the ballot is preserved, I may, in utter ignorance of his having voted against me, sit next to a man or brother, and chat with him unconstrainedly. We can talk together on general and particular subjects, and, it may so happen, amuse, if not interest, each other. We are, in fact, socially and Masonically, on a level, and it never occurs to either to dream of the black ball that was cast by one against the other. Many years ago I was a member of my college discussion society. I had been a member for two years, and had twice been elected to fill one of the vice-president's chairs—a position about corresponding with that of a Warden. My term of study was coming to an end, and, in accordance with custom, I was proposed as an honorary member. I was present when the ballot took place, and though I was elected, there was one black ball against some twenty or five-and-twenty white. I should have preferred, very naturally, a unanimous election, but if the ballot was a reality, not a sham, my intercourse, during the brief remainder of my stay at the college, was just as cordial as ever. So in a Club, Society, or Lodge, no one need have his mind disturbed by a black ball as long as he remains in ignorance of who cast it. But if the secret is allowed to ooze out, it is not in human nature for anyone to be on as comfortable terms with the man who voted against as with those who voted for him.

What, however, I should like to see is, some practical result from your sensible article. Why, for instance, is the case which formed its text not brought officially under the notice of the Board of General Purposes with a view to its being reported in Grand Lodge. The facts, as they have been openly stated in a Court of Law are public property, and it seems to me the Board of General Purposes will be conniving at a violation of Masonic law if they do not take cognisance of them and deal with them on their merits. It was the judge's suggestion that the case should have been submitted to a Masonic tribunal. There *is* a Masonic tribunal which is competent to try it, and why, therefore, is not the Lodge, in which occurred the practices which have been made the subject of a legal plaint, called upon to furnish such explanations as may be thought desirable, so that if it is too late to take action in this particular case, further troubles of a similar character may be prevented? What with the great experience of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and the legal acumen of Bro. McIntyre, it ought not to be an impossibility to put a stop to these miserable squabbles which do so much harm to our Society.

I do hope some notice of this matter will be taken, so that it may not in future be in the power of an ignorant, incapable, or too impetuous brother to bring Freemasonry into bad odour with the public, or hold it up to public vindicate.

I may have written strongly, but I feel strongly, while I have done my best to avoid saying anything that could be regarded as of a personal, instead of a general, character.

I remain, yours, Dear Sir and Brother,

SPONTE SUA.

AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Truro, 23rd August 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry again to ask for a little space in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, so as to explain my position *re* American Freemasonry.

1. My desire in 1875, when taking exception to portions of your article on that subject, was to prove that *some* Grand Lodges in the United States were not open to your severe remarks, whereas I freely grant others may be. The article, however, did not *select any* of the many Grand Lodges for rebuke, nor were *any excepted* from the friendly castigation. It was on this ground, and this ground alone, that I wrote the short reply. Being so connected with the Grand L. of Pennsylvania, and knowing that body, and some others, were not really to be blamed, I simply sounded the *reveille*, and having entered an appearance on behalf of our American Brethren naturally felt it was for them to debate the subject, and accept or reject by fair argument the assertions made.

2. Strange to say I, have not seen any answer to your article, from that day to this, by any of our friends in America.

3. I have not seen Bro. *Moore's Masonic Messenger*, but our brother is an able well-informed writer, and ought, and doubtless does, know well about what he writes. I sent him some printed pamphlets as to our noble Masonic Charities.

4. Brother "BRITON" evidently also is at home on the subject, and many of his remarks apply with special force to some of the Grand Lodges in question, but I still maintain the objection to the Grand Lodges generally are too indiscriminate, and not appreciative of the good accomplished by many. I should like "more precise information," as does Brother "BRITON," but not having it, explains why I have not said more. My remarks were simply intended to exclude those about which I had information from the general criticism. Bro. "BRITON" kindly gives me credit for correct Masonic feeling as to my notice of *Masonic Relief Associations*. I do not care for them, or any such. It appears, however, that some brethren will provide for "a rainy day," or for their wives and families, when such societies are under the nominal wing of the Craft, and as it is better for them to do that way, *than not at all*, perhaps, it is as well to let them alone, especially as they tend to render charity less needful, and certainly "so far so good."

4. The enquiry is a very large one, and a deal has to be considered, it being simply impossible to attend to the many details in a hurriedly written letter. As Bro. "BRITON" points out, there is the "mileage" expense, and also other payments peculiar to the Grand Lodges in the United States. All these points fail to be considered, and also how much the private Lodges do out of their own funds to relieve the wants of their necessitous members, and strangers. In the latter respect it has often surprised me to find how much has been paid by individual Lodges to the widows (and families) of English brethren, who, in their destitution, have asked the aid of their husbands' brethren, and who have been sent back to this country free of expense, their husbands buried, and all needful wants responded to.

5. Finally let me say, that having now done my part to represent our American brethren *ad interim*, I shall not again trouble you on the subject, feeling assured that the Craft in America can furnish advocates able to do them justice, and if they do not, then the trial must be lost "by default."

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM J. HUGHAN.

THE UNITED STATES AND MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The extract from the *Masonic Advocate* in your last week's number comes most opportunely, showing, as it does, from another and independent source, that the views you expressed in your very first number as to one of the idiosyncrasies of American Masonry find supporters in the United States, if not in this country. For instance, the statement "that the Grand Lodge of Indiana has deemed it advisable to adjourn for two years on account of the enormous expense attendant upon the annual gathering of Grand Lodge" is evidence of the fact that a very considerable portion of the funds of Grand Lodge is expended on the fulfilment of what in this country is held to be a duty. To put the matter in a more practical form. The Grand Lodge of Indiana defrays the expenses of those brethren who attend its gatherings; in England brethren from a distance who attend the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge pay their own travelling expenses. Again, as regards the Grand Lodge of New York, the same journal speaks of the mileage and per diem expenses being paid out of its funds, and that recently it has made a move in the direction of curtailing them, at least so far as Past Grand Officers are concerned. Now, if in the case of these and other Grand Lodges where similar expenses are allowed, the whole system were knocked on the head, there would at once be a handsome fund at the disposal of each Grand Lodge for purposes of Benevolence, and there would no longer be the same ground of complaint as exists now, that, while the receipts are considerable, the moneys available for charitable dispensation are the reverse.

As for other of the ideas set forth in the same article, I do not agree with them. If any one joins Masonry in the belief that he is joining a kind of benefit society, the sooner, I think, he is dispossessed of that idea, the better. If he is desirous of making one of a number of people who subscribe so much periodically towards a sick fund, so that, when he is prevented by illness from following his business, he may be in receipt of a periodical money allowance, there are doubtless in the United States, as in England, many such societies open to him, many, indeed, that will be only too glad to receive his contributions and those of as many others as may be willing to join. No one would be so silly as to decry these societies, but they have no single feature in common with Freemasonry. They are, as I said last week, a kind of Limited Liability Association, the members of which are entitled to receive certain benefits in return for certain payments. But no one who is actuated by just motives in entering the ranks of Freemasonry expects to derive any advantage from his subscriptions. He is presumed to be in reputable circumstances, which expression is meant to convey the idea, not only that he is a man of good moral character, but likewise that he is, professionally or otherwise, in a position to support himself and his family—if he has any—in a reputable manner. There is before him, as there is before all of us, the contingency that misfortune may overtake him, and he may fall from a state of comparative affluence into a state of difficulty or even absolute want. Then it is that Masonry steps in and helps him if he has proved himself worthy of such help. If he is cut off suddenly and before he has been able to make provision for his family, the Fund of Benevolence, after due inquiry, will vote him a grant of

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money according to circumstances, while it is open to his children, if eligible, to offer themselves—by the medium of their natural or legal guardians—as candidates for admission to our Schools. As regards help in cases of sickness, but speaking necessarily from my own, and therefore, limited, knowledge, I venture to say that much assistance is rendered, but there is—rightly in my opinion—no relief available to meet such casual mischances. It is, as I pointed out in my letter of last week, the greatest mistake in the world—a radical error indeed—to reduce Freemasonry to the level of a benefit society. Freemasonry is of another character altogether, with other aims and objects in view. Charity is of the very essence of Freemasonry, but then no one would be so silly as to confound what is commonly understood—in England at all events—as a benefit society with a Charitable Institution. A man contributes to the former with the intent and purpose of securing to himself pecuniary assistance in his time of need, but, as I have said before, no one subscribes to his Masonic Lodge with any such intention or expectation.

Fraternally yours,

BRITON.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to add to my remarks of last week, that I do not dispute the title of Provincial or District Grand Masters to the appellation of "Grand Officers," but merely to that of "Grand *Lodge* Officers"—these dignitaries being (as it seems to me) Officers *in*, but not *of*, Grand Lodge.

As "Grand Officers" they are clearly entitled to rule Grand Lodge, under paragraph 13, p 23, Book of Constitutions: but I altogether dissent from the position—that their liability to perform this function, constitutes them "Grand *Lodge* Officers," or Officers *of* Grand Lodge."

Yours fraternally,

A LONDON AND COLONIAL P.M.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whoever your correspondent on the above subject, in your last number, may be, I feel there is much truth in what he says. It is a great misfortune for a Province when the leading officers are either unable or unwilling to visit the Lodges under their jurisdiction. I am of opinion that both the Deputy P.G.M. and his Secretary should be brethren of sufficient leisure to give some portion of their time to annual visitations, and not to be content to obtain their information as to the respective merits of brethren at second hand, still less to leave the appropriation of the various offices at their disposal to the last moment, and then to give them away on the principle of a scramble for nuts at a school feast.

It is somewhat disgusting to the mind of a hardworking and able Past Master to see himself left unnoticed for years, and Provincial collars bestowed on brethren unable to open a Lodge in the first degree. And yet, Mr. Editor, this is not such a *very* uncommon event I assure you.

I, like your correspondent, am a Past Provincial Officer, so that perhaps some people might say I ought to be satisfied and refrain from grumbling. But when I see such gross absurdities perpetrated as is the case in some Provinces, and brethren with neither knowledge, education, experience or position to recommend them foisted into high offices, and, on the other hand, bright, intelligent and working Masons passed over altogether, I cannot but think that there is something rotten in the state of Denmark, and that it is time to speak or for ever hereafter to hold one's peace.

I am, yours fraternally,

ANOTHER PAST PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

IN THE CLOUDS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

HE who visits the clouds sees both more and less than other men. He sees less—for the "daughters of ocean," the mists, climb the sky, and shut out the landscape below; but he also sees more—for the height to which he has climbed, and the fairy surrounding of fleecy clouds, stimulate his imagination, so that he sees with his "mind's eye" what he never saw before. The Irish nation claim, and justly too, that *they* possess an additional sense over and above those usually bestowed on man, to wit, the sense of nonsense—no man like an Irishman possessing the perception of the humourous and the ridiculous. Samuel Lover, in one of his songs, has expressed this fact in rhyme, thus:

> "But along with sivin sinces we have one more—
> Of which I forgot to tell you before—
> 'Tis nonsense, spontaneously gracing our shore."

Analogously, he who is in the clouds possesses an additional organ of vision—the "mind's eye," which enables him to see well nigh whatever he will. High up in the air, quaffing the vinous ether, he is wonderfully exhilarated. We are not surprised that the old Greek play-writer, Aristophanes, in his famous comedy of "The Cloud," placed Socrates, its hero, suspended in a basket, swinging aloft in the air in his "Thinking Shop." By the way, there is a certain mystic aspect to this comedy, which we will make apparent to the reader by quoting a few lines from it:

> "*Socrates.* Art thou ambitious
> To be instructed in celestial matters?
> *Strepsiades.* Aye, aye, in faith,
> So they be to my purpose.
> *Soc.* And if I bring you to a conference
> With my own proper goddesses, the Clouds?
> *Streps.* 'Tis what I wish devoutly.
> *Soc.* Now take this chaplet—wear it.
> *Streps.* Why this chaplet?
> Would'st sacrifice me to a Cloud?
> *Soc.* Fear nothing;
> It is a ceremony indispensable
> At our initiations.
>
> *Chorus of Clouds.*
>
> Ascend, ye watery Clouds, on high,
> Daughters of Ocean, climb the sky.
> Here mystic fanes and rites divine
> And lamps in sacred splendour shine;
> Here the gods dwell in marble domes,
> Feasted with costly hecatombs,
> And pompous sacrifices here
> Make holidays throughout the year."

One day last week we stood on "Sky-Top," on the Shawangunk Mountains, when suddenly a mist enveloped us, and we realized what it was to be—in the clouds. We found our imagination extraordinarily stimulated, and there flashed upon us the Irishman's extra sense of nonsense, when Aristophanes's satirical picture of Socrates, suspended in mid-air in his "Thinking Shop," as portrayed in his comedy of "The Clouds," was limned before us. Then and there we were thoughtful as ever of our readers (for they are never out of our mind, so that if we travel a thousand miles it must be with pencil in hand), and this is what we saw and thought, *more or less*.

We did not presume to compare ourselves precisely with Socrates, especially as he is satirized by Aristophanes. It will be remembered that the Athenian philosopher had a snub nose, generally went barefoot, possessing but one pair of shoes,—which lasted him for life, wore the same robe, winter and summer, and no under-garments! No, we did not compare ourselves with Socrates, either in manner of life, or in intellectual endowment. The only similarity between us was that we were both in "the clouds." What did we see? At first nothing. But what we lacked in seeing, we made up in thinking. It occurred to us that we were in sympathy with the Craft Universal at this Midsummer season—we were called off, or rather called up, to Refreshment. We were bathed in heaven's imperial bath of mist on a mountain top. The earth was shut out from view—we seemed nearer heaven than ever before, and in the very presence chamber of the Grand Architect of the Universe. We felt how little we were, and how great He is. We were lost for the moment, in space. Pride vanished. We were physically blind, although our mental vision was never clearer. The blood coursed from the heart to the brain with fresh vigour. In no Church were we ever more truly a worshipper of Deity than while we stood on that mountain-top. We seemed to be undergoing initiation into the Greater Mysteries—to be linked by a new tie to the great "I AM." No one who has been in the clouds ever regretted it.

The clouds, as a medicine for the soul, are fitted for occasional, rather than continual use. Stimulants should be indulged in with moderation. It would not do to always have the

> "Eye in a fine frenzy rolling;"

but for seasonable use, as for example, during the days of Refreshment in summer, there is no tonic, for either the mind or the body, equal in efficacy to a bath in the clouds.

A mystic thought that was suggested to us as the clouds vanished was, the wide-spread character and unity of the Craft. Around us in every direction as far as the eye could reach were valleys and mountains, divided from each other by natural barriers, and the valleys themselves sub-divided into numerous fields—and yet all was a unit. Nature is one, and the Grand Architect of the Universe is its sole author. So with the Craft. We saw Freemasonry, as it were, before us, spread out all over the civilized world. Different speaking peoples were united by the same Mystic tie. Barriers of ocean and mountains were of no effect in separating brethren. All were one, as Nature is one.

We concluded, as we descended from "Sky-Top," that even Socrates had scarcely a better "Thinking Shop" than ours had been in the clouds, and we vowed to go there as often during the summer months as the exigencies of the lower world would permit.

Gleanings from Old Chronicles, &c.

The following were among the ancient revenues of the petty Princes of Ireland, namely, "Cuddy"—a supper and lodging for one night, which the chief could command not only from his own vassals, but had a right by custom to ask it from his equals—the commutation was a certain quantity of honey; "Cuttings," or contributions to pay the chief's debts; "Dowgello," a tax for the maintenance of his dogs and huntsmen; "Cess," or horse meat and man's meat at a stipulated price; "Refection," or a privilege the chief had of claiming a meal of cheese, curds, &c.; and "Sorchar," or meat and drink for a soldier or gallowglass, one day in a fortnight.

The total public expenditure in Ireland for the year ended Trinity Term 1296 (23 & 24 Edward I.), was £1,121 6s 0½d, as

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appears from the earliest extant financial record of that kingdom. Amongst the payments in 1295, in respect of civil expenditure, appear the undermentioned annual salaries to certain officers, to wit, John Wogan, Chief Justice of Ireland, £250; William of Estden £40; Robert Wagod, Chief Justice of the Bench at Dublin, £40; Thomas of Wuyterby, another Justice of the Bench at ditto, £25 13s 4d; Walter De la Haye, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, £40; Master Thomas Kantock, Chancellor of Ireland, £40; Master Edward of Wodington, Chancellor of the Exchequer at Dublin, £13 6s 8d; Richard of Meanes, one of the two Chamberlains at the Exchequer at ditto, £6 13s 4d; together with two Writing Clerks of the Account Rolls and one Treasury Clerk, writer of the Rolls and Tallies at Dublin, at 5d each per diem. The payments for Military Service include the wages, at 4d a day, of John Chester, Captain of certain Welshmen employed in Keeping the peace, each of the said Welshmen receiving 2d a day wages.

The gross Revenue of Ireland, as appears from the second oldest financial record existing, amounted for the year ended Trinity Term 1371, to £3,840 12s 7¾d.

The next Irish Exchequer Roll, in order of date, is the audited account of Sir William Brabazon, Knight, Sub-Treasurer and Receiver-General of the receipts out of the King's lands, &c., in Ireland, and of the lands of monasteries and other religious houses then recently dissolved, and is for the year ended Michaelmas 1546 (38 Henry VIII.) The Receipt side includes the Accountant's Arrears and Balances of his preceding Account, amounting to £12,051 17s 4d, and Receipts £8,541 5s 1¾, making together £20,593 2s 5¾d. The total payments reached £2,074 1s 4d, so that at Michaelmas 1546, the Accountant was debited with £18,519 0s 10¾d. The payments include to John Aylen, Chancellor of Ireland, for yearly salary £100, and for his diet, at the rate of 10s per day, £182 10s, or together £282 10s; Chief Justice of the King's Bench, £100; second ditto, £40 13s 4d; Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, £40; second ditto, £20; Master of the Rolls, &c., £50; Treasurer of Ireland, £40; Clerk of the Council, £40; Solicitor to the Lord the King, £40; Attorney-at-Law to ditto, £16; Sub-Treasurer and Receiver General, £65 13s 4d; Auditor General, £45; Chief Baron of the Exchequer, £44; second ditto, £17 6s 8d; Chief Chamberlain, £40; Serjeant-at-Arms, £40; and Chief Remembrancer, £14. The Constable of Dublin Castle received £30 for the year, and the soldiers at rates varying between ninepence and eighteenpence per diem.

The above is the first of a series of accounts rendered in the same form up to the year 1643, only those for the years 1597, 1598, and 1611 being wanting.

The earliest bound book, containing an account of Public Receipt and Expenditure for Ireland, is for the year ended 20th March 1642 (17 Charles I.) Earl of Strafford being the Lord Lieutenant. The Charge side shows a balance from the previous year of £21,760 18s 4d, and Receipts £70,060 12s 1d, making together £91,821 10s 5d.

The payments out of this revenue amounted in respect of the Civil List to £10,373 1s 2d, while the balance—£81,448 9s 3d—was applicable to the Military list; and the Accountant was also charged with the defalcations for cheques, munitions, victuals, imprests, &c., to the extent of £21,512 13s 10d. From the details on the payment side it appears that the captain of a horse troop received 9s a day, the lieutenant 2s 8½d, the cornet 2s 3d, the trumpeter 1s, and each horseman 1s; while in a company of foot the captain's pay was 7s 6d a day, the lieutenant's 1s 6d, the ensign's 1s 1½d, the "giant drum" 9d, the chirurgeon 9d, and each foot soldier 6d. The Earl of Strafford received £24 per diem—namely, for entertainment £10, and for 30 waggons, each 9s 4d, £14.

From a Proclamation issued at Dublin Castle on 6th April 1637 it appears that the value of the Irish Harp Shilling, 9 oz. fine, was fixed at 12d Irish or 9d English, and the value of the English shilling at 12d English and 16d Irish. The preamble to this proclamation begins:—"Whereas the Records and Accounts of all His Majesty's Revenues, certain and casual in this Kingdom"—that is, Ireland—"and all the Receipts and Issues of His Majesty's moneys, have heretofore usually been reckoned in Irish money or Harpes, which is a fourth part less than sterling English, whereby it hath sometimes happened that His Majesty's process to Sheriff having issued in that manner, the Sheriffs in some parts have been observed to levy sterling English money of the subjects instead of Irish, thereby overcharging the subjects a fourth part more than of right they ought to pay; and the Sheriffs notwithstanding answering into His Majesty's Exchequer but Irish money only, according to the sums contained in the Green Wax Books," &c., &c.

When James II. was in Ireland in 1689, endeavouring to maintain his sovereign authority there, he had recourse to a debasement of the coinage, in order to raise supplies, and copper, or brass and copper mixed, and pewter moneys, equivalent in weight to silver coins, were legally made current by proclamation, those who refused to take the money being punishable with the utmost rigour of the law, and those who counterfeited it being declared guilty of high treason.

A quantity of this debased coinage of the nominal value of £22,489 was found in the Dublin Mint when William III. arrived in that city. A Royal Proclamation was accordingly issued in July 1690, by which those coins were appointed to pass current at the following rates, namely, copper crown pieces and large copper half-crowns at 1d each, small half-crowns at three-farthings, large copper shillings at a halfpenny each, and small copper shillings, copper sixpences, and pewter half-crowns at one farthing each. The small French three-sou-pieces which James II. had made legal tender to the amount of 3½d were sold at a halfpenny each.

James II. had also, on his arrival in Ireland, ordered that the English guinea should pass current at £1 4s each, and the English shilling at 13d. When William III. had established his authority over the island he fixed the ratio of Irish currency to money of account at 13d Irish for 12d English, and so it remained up to the Consolidation of the English and Irish Exchequers in 1817.

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by the Lodge, and signed by the principal Officers, several of the members, after which Lodge was closed, pairing to the banquet-room, where a most enjoyable them. Full justice having been done to the good , the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening. of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., nd other Grand Officers, having been proposed and d, that of the W.M. of the High Cross Lodge was .M. Bro. Burford, who said he felt it a great pleasure ealth of his successor, Bro. Clements, as he felt sure ld be gratified in according a hearty reception to the who knew Bro. Clements would agree with him that aster was well suited for the post he occupied, and ld look forward to the coming year with satisfaction, work of the Lodge would be efficiently carried out. ed that the charity box, which had been sent round bers of the Lodge, contained the sum of 20s, which nded over to the Treasurer. Bro. Clements, in re- ast proposed in his behalf, said he felt at a loss to ings. Bro. Burford had said so much in his favour, d what he had done as well as what he was expected really felt uncertain whether he should be able to However, so long as he was connected with the High should endeavour to do his duty in as satisfactory a d he had done in the past—indeed he should do his ore was impossible. He craved the assistance of the work of the Lodge, and if at any time he he hoped they would not fail to tell him of it, ad applauded him for his past efforts. He now ealth of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Burford, said the brethren were all well acquainted, he having each of the meetings held during his term of office. brethren would drink his health most heartily on f his retirement from office. He was aware that Bro. fulfilled the duties of the chair to his own satisfac- certain that he had done his best to rule the Lodge. lso much pleasure in presenting, in the name of the .M.'s jewel, which they had voted at the last meeting; he felt he expressed the desire of all present when he ed Bro. Burford would enjoy health for many years often wear that token of regard in their midst. n acknowledgment, desired to express his heartiest way in which he had been received that night, and in- the year. He had had matters of business to attend evented his paying as much attention to his duties in the Lodge as he should have liked, but he hoped the overlook any shortcomings on his part. The next osed in honour of the Installing Master Bro. Linzell, id, had rendered great service to the Lodge on many e hoped would be among them for many years to do ful. Bro. Linzell having tendered his thanks, ex- ion that he had that day placed in the chair a Brother y able to rule, but he believed willing to do his odge. He looked forward to a most successful year Clements next called upon the brethren to drink asonic Charities. He felt the presence of Bro. Binckes, the Boy's School would be looked upon as a sufficient altering the order of the toasts. He had hoped also company of Bros. Terry and Hedges, but they had ating their inability to attend. After a hearty inckes rose to reply. The Masonic Institutions were o the members of the High Cross Lodge, as well, he he numerous visitors, that he felt it unnecessary to

He need hardly say that the Lodge had, by its he past few years, won a place for itself which atest credit on its members. That this state of affairs atime, was evident from the fact that next year the represented at all three of the Festivals. He could he absence of his young friends, who were present who were his seniors, a suitable than he; but having willingly. He felt quite sure th could give would be accorded feeling existing between the Lodge, that must lead to the on in the same smooth way Visitors was the next on th received in a most hospitabl Driscoll replying. The toast of considered more particularly con than it concerned the Lodge, for nothing. He looked upon all he to perform the work of every He also looked upon them as the and if any of his appointments mi bear in mind that he was in a very of a ship to whom must be left would work amicably, and among Each of the officers having replied Bro. Morgan jun. acknowledging t the Masonic portion of the literatu were brought to a close in the usu

UPTON LOI

THIS Lodge met at the Spotted instant. There were presen Fenner S.W., Witherston J.W., W Clark S.D., R. W. Pearcy J.D., Gie Bratton, Picking, Brown, and l members. The usual preliminar Lodge advanced to the second d gave proof of their proficiency, a was opened in the third degree, an very impressive manner. Lodge answered the questions in a satisf the degree of F.C. The principal proceeded with, that of the insta elect, who was duly obligated by t the third degree, and those brethr Master retired. A Board of Inst and Bro. Fenner was regularly inst invested Bro. Andrews as I.P.M. was then closed, and the brethren in the three degrees, after which his Officers as follow:—Bros. Witl land Treas., Serg ant Sec., R. W. P I.G., Wallbrecht W.S., Patrick D.C ceremony was completed by Bro. A manner that elicited the hearty ap brethren then adjourned to banquet, in her satisfactory manner, and to justice. The cloth being removed, t posed, and heartily responded to. proposed, in a very graceful speec response, Bro. Fenner thanked B way in which he had proposed th cordial manner in which they had re his duties in as admirable a manner strive his utmost to give satisfacti harmony in the Lodge. The W. Lodge, presented Bro. Andrews w jewel, which had been unanimous ding this, Bro. Fenner descanted Andrews had displayed during his y was also presented to the I.P.M., Mrs. Andrews. This gift was offere

received careful attention, and the applicants had been shewn to be not only entitled to, but were in urgent need of, assistance. The sums voted and recommended in the cases already considered, and the probable future claims of which the Committee saw no reason to anticipate any diminution, constituted a heavy strain on the limited resources of the Provincial Grand Lodge. At a meeting held at Plymouth on the 25th of January last the Committee granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 494, Axminster; £5 to a brother of Lodge 156, Plymouth, and they recommend that the Provincial Grand Lodge grant a further sum of £10 to that brother; and the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 39, Exeter. At the meeting held at Devonport on the 19th of May, the sum of £5 was voted to the widow of a brother of Lodge 489, Bideford; £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 797, Dartmouth; £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 954, Devonport; £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1,205, Stonehouse; £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1,396, Newton Abbey; £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 70, Plymouth. The whole of those sums had been paid, with the exception of the £10 recommended for approval by the Prov. G.L. At the meeting held at Barnstaple that day the Committee voted £5 to the widow of a brother of 489, Bideford; recommended a grant of £10 to the widow of a brother of 1,396, Newton Abbey; voted £5, and recommended a further grant of £10, to the widow of a brother of 223, Plymouth; recommended a grant of £10 to the widow of a brother of 70, Plymouth; voted £5 to the widow of a brother of 710, Totnes; voted £5, and recommended a further grant of £10, to a decayed brother of 1,205, Stonehouse; voted £5, and recommended a further grant of £10, to the widow of a brother of 106, Exmouth, who was lost in the Atalanta; voted £5, to a decayed brother of 710, Totnes; voted £5, and recommended a further grant of £10, to the widow of a brother of 156, Plymouth. The Committee also adopted a widow of 39, Exeter, as the candidate for the Province at the next election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and the son of a deceased brother of 1,181, Seaton, as the candidate of the Province for the Royal Institution for Boys and Girls. Grants of 25 guineas each were recommended to the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and to the Institution for Girls. These amounts to be placed on the list of Bro. Godtschalk, the balance remaining in hand not admitting of larger grants. Bro. Gover's recommendation of a grant of 10 guineas to the Devon Educational Fund was withdrawn.

The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall at 2 p.m. The hall was appropriately laid out for the occasion with the furniture and regalia of Lodge Loyal 251, Barnstaple. Viscount Ebrington, the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Devon, presided, supported by W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Tanner Davy as P.G.S.W. *pro tem*, and Captain W. Elphinstone Stone P.G.J.W. *pro tem*. In addition to the officers who attended the Committee of Petitions the following were also among those present at the Provincial Grand Lodge:—W. Bros. J. W. Keyworth P.P.G.S.W., H. J. P. Dumas P.P.G.W. Surrey, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Rev. C. W. H. Holley P.G. Chap., Rev. R. J. Russell P.P.G. Chap., S. Jew P.P.G.T., R. B. Twose P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.P.G.T., George Hirtzel P.G. Reg., John Cook P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Chanter P.P.G.J.D., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Wks., H. Wilson P.P.G.P. Worcestershire, A. Bodley P.G.D.C., J. P. Phillips P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Oram P.P.G.D.C., C. W. Willshire P.P.G.D.C., S. Loram P.P.G.D.C., John Wood P.P.G.D.C., J. Edwards P.P.G.O., E. A. Vinnecombe P.G.O., G. W. Bishop P.P.G.S.B., John Lynn P.P.G.S.B., John Swann P.P.G.S.B. D. Box P.G. Purs., W. Cole P.P.G. Purs., J. Harris Square P.G. St., W. Pidsley P.G. St., E. J. Knight P.G. St., E. Furze P.G. St., F. Pollard P.G. St., James Jerman P.G. St., P. L. Blanchard P.G. Tyler. H. Melhuish P.M. 1,125, W. Odam W.M. 70, R. Blight W.M. 223, T. C. Lewarn P.M. 223, Thomas Higgs P.M. 106, E. T. Fulford W.M. 1,254, B. S. Johns W.M 159, S. D. Nicholls P.M. 282, W. Harris P.M. 1,138, T. Parkhouse P.M. 1,125, W. Britton P.M. 251, A. F. Luke P.M. 112, W. J. List P.M. and Treas. 251, W. A. Goss jnn. W.M. 1,402, H. Cameron W.M. 1,205, F. Hooper P.M. 1,212, W. H. Toller P.M. 251, J. Page P.M. 39, George Huxham P.M. 1,254, G. R. Barrett W.M. 1,255, W. Conquer W.M. 1,099, J. Kingdon I.P.M. 421, W. H. Gillman P.M. 1,099, J. Gould P.M. 1,099, W. T. Walter I.P.M. 1,099, J. A. Kingdon P.M. and Treas. 421, J. T. Widgery P.M. 421, J. Paige W.M. 421, R. Pengelley P.M. 70, Lieut.-Colonel FitzGerald W.M. 189, Byron Elliott W.M. 1,247, L. J. Webber W.M. 1,550, Jno. Olver P.M. 1,138, Jno. Stocker P.M. 39, J. E. Moon P.M. 189, Thos. Elsworthy P.M. 251, M. Farrant P.M. 112, H. M. Barrow W.M. 189, J. R. H. Harris W.M. 230, J. Osborne W.M. 954, T. Freeman P.M. 106, W. H. Triplett P.M. 1,255, W. G. Lacey P.M. 106, F. Littleton I.P.M. 159, J.W. 1,847; Bros. W. H. Pike J.W. 156, E. Tout S.W. 70, W. Cocks J.W. 106, W. Gregory J.W. 1,254, John Lavis S.W. 223, C. C. Kendrick S.W. 1,254, C. D. Stentiford J.W. 159, C. A. Nicholson S.D. 1,847, Chas. Pope J.W. 1,138, G. Pollard S.W. 489, John Bickell S.W. 421, C. Croydon S.W. 189, J. Murrin S.W. 1,396, Owen Knowles S.W. 159, F. Snelling J.W. 1,396, A. T. Blamey S.D. 1402, J. Penrose J.W. 1,212, T. E. Peek S.W. 1,205, S. O. Elliott J.W. 202, W. J. Stanbury J.W. 1,099, S. Panter S.W. 1,099, W. Redmond S.W. 1,855, P. Pearce S.W. 1,247, J. B. Arcott J.W. 489, W. H. Hunt J.W. 1,205, W. Vicary S.W. 1,138, W. Densham S.W. 39, W. Brown S.W. 441, John Moysey J.W. 223, R. P. Morrison S.W. 251, R. Randell 853, British Kaffraria; A. H. Chanter J.W. 1,135, R. Grills S.W. 202, H. B. McMillan 1,847, R. Ellis S.W. 230, R. W. Pitcher J.W. 230, J. T. Crosby S.W. 954, G. Hickey J.W. 954, John Hammond J.W. 1,255, D. Banks S.W. 146, George Todd P.M. 489, W. Mountjoy J.W. 421, R. Hambly J.W. 1855, &c.

The Secretary's report showed a membership of 2,234 in the Province. The Treasurer's report an income of £316, and balance in hand £129, both reports were unanimously received and adopted. In answer to an inquiry, it was stated that the funds of the Fortescue Annuity Fund had been re-invested in the names of new trustees, the R.W. Bros. the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and Bro. Pope. The money invested in a mortgage had been recalled. The report of the Committee of Petitions was received, and adopted without comment.

The R.W. the P.G.M. gave notice of a proposal to reconsider at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge its Bye-laws. It was desirable, he thought, to alter some of them. A colloquy on various points in these laws ensued. The suggestions for their improvement met with unanimous approval.

W. Bro. J. E. Moon was proposed by W. Bro. J. E. Curteis as the Treasurer for the ensuing year; he in the course of his remarks stated a complaint had been made that as a new Treasurer was elected each year, the Treasurers had only just time to learn their duties when their term of office ceased. That difficulty, it was pointed out, could be easily met by always electing able business men to the office, and unanimous disapproval appeared to be entertained, for several reasons, against any change from the Lodge's ancient privilege to "elect a Treasurer once a year." Brother J. E. Moon being a member of his (Bro. Curteis's) own Lodge, he was in a position to say that the business and substantial qualifications of that Brother for the office of Treasurer to the Province were indisputable. W. Bro. Charles Godtschalk P.M. P.P.G.D. seconded the nomination of Bro. Moon.

In doing so he took occasion to refer to the remarks that had fallen from the P.G.M. relative to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer. He gleaned from those remarks that no intention existed, neither was the remotest wish expressed, to interfere in any way with the constitutional right of the Province to elect from amongst their body a Brother to serve the office of Treasurer.

Brother J. E. Moon was then unanimously elected.

W. Bros. J. E. Curteis and Passmore were re-elected the auditors.

The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. the Hon. L. Hesketh Palk 328 P.S.G.W., G. Pitt-Lewis 444 P.J.G.W., the Rev. Mr. Morris 1,181 Seaton, the Rev. Mr. Warren 1,138 Newton Abbot, P.G. Chaps., J. E. Moon 189 P.G.T., John Treeby 223 P.G. Reg., John Brewer 251 P.G. Sec., E. Furze 421 P.G.S.D., J. Harris Square 1486 P.G.J.D., James Jerman 39 P.G.S. Wks., F. Pollard 1,284 P.G.D.C., W. Pidsley 1,254 P.G.A.D.C., J. Russell Lord 1,247 P.G.S.B., George Whittley 156 P.G.O., E. J. Knight 202 P.G. Purs., W. C. Oliver 251, S. G. Loveless 294, W. H. Gilman 1,099, F. Hooper 1,212, W. H. Goodridge 797, H. Cole 1,091, P. G. Stewards; P. Blanchard P.G. Tyler, John Rogers P.G.A. Tyler.

Bro. Vincent Bird's proposal to vote fifty guineas to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was withdrawn, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer having already been appropriated by other votes.

It was resolved that the presentation made by R.W. Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.P.G.M., of his chain of office, as an heirloom to the Province, should be recorded by its being engraved on the medal attached to the chain.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel. R. W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington presided.

SOC. ROSICR. in Angliâ.

York College.—The Masonic Archæological body held its August meeting last Saturday, in the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds, by kind permission of the trustees of that building. Many of the Fratres met at 1 p.m. and travelled by tramcar to Kirkstall, where they inspected the ruins of the beautiful Cistercian Abbey, which are second in extent in Yorkshire only to those of Fountains. Their peculiarities and beauties were very ably and lucidly pointed out to the party by Fratre E. Pearson Peterson, who acted as cicerone, and under his guidance all the prominent details were carefully investigated, with the additional aid of ground plans. Returning to Leeds, the College was opened at 4 p.m., the following Fratres being present:—T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, J. S. Cumberland VII. Celebrant, J. Maffry IV. as Suff., E. Linck IV. as Secretary, T. J. Wilkinson VI. P.A., W. Rowley VI. S.A., E. Peterson V. T.A., W. Watson IV. as Q.A., C. L. Mason V. Con. of N., &c. Several letters of apology were read from Officers and Fratres who were unable to be present, and successful ballots were taken for four candidates. Three aspirants were duly admitted to the M.C., making the number of full members 32, the College being thus made up to its full strength of 36. A candidate was proposed for admission, and then Fra. Walter Rowley VI. read an excellent paper on the "History of Leeds," for which he received the thanks of the College. Votes of thanks were passed to Fra. Rowley and Fra. Peterson for their valuable papers, which were ordered to be printed. The W. Celebrant called attention to the fact of the prosperous position of the Order in America, which was especially interesting to them, since it was, two years ago, at York, he and their Chief Adept had taken part in the admission to the Order of the Fratres who had founded the first College in the United States. The M.C. was then broken. The next meeting of the College will be held in York, in the month of November. After the conclusion of business, the Fratres partook of tea together and spent a pleasant hour, before departing to their respective homes at York, Bradford, Thirsk, London, &c.

We learn that an aquatic fete in aid of the "Atalanta Fund" was given by the members of the Greenwich Swimming Club on Tuesday 17th inst., at the Bath of the Royal Naval Hospital School, Greenwich, and we are glad to announce the result will produce a large addition to the amount already subscribed on behalf of those left destitute by the loss of relatives in the ill-fated vessel. A special feature of the entertainment was the appearance of Bro. Professor Hoare, whose wonderful evolutions in the water entitle him to a prominent place among our aquatic champions.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham. The following Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. Burford W.M., H. Stephens, W. Steedman, J. Linzell, G. Townsend, J. Wells, C. F. Barham, W. Dance, and G. Jones, Past Masters; Bros. T. J. Farrin S.W., Henry V. Clements J.W., David Roberts P.M. Treasurer, T. Cunningham P.M. Secretary, J. H. Thompson S.D., W. M. Tegg J.D., J. Garrod I.G., J. Very Tyler. The Visitors were Bros. G. H. Patmore S.W. 228, W. Hawtin 1287, S. Hill 512, T. Greenwood 749, A. C. Boot 362, T. S. Bird 1567, H. Garrett 173, John Green 27, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. H. Thompson 1580, T. J. Maidwell 27, J. Driscoll 30, G. R. Soper 1365, C. Winslade 69, C. Beaumont 901, R. J. Dart 192, Frederick Binckes Grand Stewards' Lodge, H. M. Dalton 134, R. E. Hunt 45, G. Smith 1799, H. J. Dean 45. After the transaction of the routine business of the Lodge, Bro. Clements the W.M. elect was presented, obligated, and duly installed, Bro. Linzell acting as Installing Master. The new W.M. having received the salutations of the brethren assembled, proceeded to invest the following Officers for the ensuing year:—J. Farrin S.W., J. Garrod J.W., David Roberts P.M. Treasurer, T. Cunningham P.M. Secretary, W. M. Legg S.D., Lewis J.D., A. G. Fidler I.G., Roe D. of C., J. Smith Steward, Very Tyler. In appointing the several Officers, the W.M. addressed each on the duties expected of him, and briefly explained the moral lessons taught by the respective jewels of office. A petition to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother was formally recommended by the Lodge, and signed by the principal Officers, as well as by several of the members, after which Lodge was closed, the brethren repairing to the banquet-room, where a most enjoyable repast awaited them. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening. Those in honour of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M. and other Grand Officers, having been proposed and heartily received, that of the W.M. of the High Cross Lodge was given by the I.P.M. Bro. Burford, who said he felt it a great pleasure to propose the health of his successor, Bro. Clements, as he felt sure one and all would be gratified in according a hearty reception to the toast. Any one who knew Bro. Clements would agree with him that their present Master was well suited for the post he occupied, and he felt they could look forward to the coming year with satisfaction, assured that the work of the Lodge would be efficiently carried out. It was announced that the charity box, which had been sent round among the members of the Lodge, contained the sum of 20s, which amount was handed over to the Treasurer. Bro. Clements, in replying to the toast proposed in his behalf, said he felt at a loss to express his feelings. Bro. Burford had said so much in his favour, both as regarded what he had done as well as what he was expected to do, that he really felt uncertain whether he should be able to satisfy them. However, so long as he was connected with the High Cross Lodge, he should endeavour to do his duty in as satisfactory a way as they said he had done in the past—indeed he should do his best; to do more was impossible. He craved the assistance of his brethren in the work of the Lodge, and if at any time he went wrong, he hoped they would not fail to tell him of it, just as they had applauded him for his past efforts. He now proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Burford, wth whom he said the brethren were all well acquainted, he having been present at each of the meetings held during his term of office. He felt sure the brethren would drink his health most heartily on this the night of his retirement from office. He was aware that Bro. Burford had not fulfilled the duties of the chair to his own satisfaction, but he was certain that he had done his best to rule the Lodge. The W.M. had also much pleasure in presenting, in the name of the members, the P.M.'s jewel, which they had voted at the last meeting; and in doing so he felt he expressed the desire of all present when he said that he hoped Bro. Burford would enjoy health for many years to come, and often wear that token of regard in their midst. Bro. Burford, in acknowledgment, desired to express his heartiest thanks for the way in which he had been received that night, and indeed throughout the year. He had had matters of business to attend to, which had prevented his paying as much attention to his duties in connection with the Lodge as he should have liked, but he hoped the brethren would overlook any shortcomings on his part. The next toast was proposed in honour of the Installing Master Bro. Linzell, who, the W.M. said, had rendered great service to the Lodge on many occasions, and he hoped would be among them for many years to do so again if needful. Bro. Linzell having tendered his thanks, expressed his opinion that he had that day placed in the chair a Brother who was not only able to rule, but he believed willing to do his utmost for the Lodge. He looked forward to a most successful year of office. Bro. Clements next called upon the brethren to drink success to the Masonic Charities. He felt the presence of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boy's School would be looked upon as a sufficient excuse for his altering the order of the toasts. He had hoped also to have had the company of Bros. Terry and Hedges, but they had both written stating their inability to attend. After a hearty response, Bro. Binckes rose to reply. The Masonic Institutions were so well known to the members of the High Cross Lodge, as well, he doubted not, to the numerous visitors, that he felt unnecessary to introduce them. He need hardly say that the Lodge had, by its efforts during the past few years, won a place for itself which reflected the greatest credit on its members. That this state of affairs was likely to continue, was evident from the fact that next year the Lodge would be represented at all three of the Festivals. He could but regret the absence of his young friends, who were away enjoying themselves at the seaside, or elsewhere, while he, a poor old man, was left to plead the cause of charity. Still he felt his was not a very difficult task among such brethren as those around him. He had personally to thank Bro. Clements, who in June last represented the Lodge at the Festival of the Boys' School, when, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom, one of the most successful Festivals ever known in connection with Freemasonry took place. That and other similar gatherings had realised so much for the Masonic Charities that Freemasons could say that no society in the world could boast of such institutions as those they supported. He then referred to the work being done through the efforts of those connected with the Tottenham and Enfield Charity Association, the sum raised during the two and a half years it had been in existence being, he was told, no less than £374 17s—a grand total, and one of which they might justly be proud. While it was true that Freemasonry was flourishing, it was also true that the demands made on it were daily increasing. He hoped the brethren would forgive him if he appeared to take up too much of their time; he was pleading for those who could not plead for themselves, and who therefore were obliged to place their cause in hands such as his; and further, he was but trying to induce them to continue a work which had been so well supported by those who had gone before. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the chair, the W.M. being very pleased to be able to tender a welcome to so many of their number. They had on the present occasion as many as thirteen present, almost as many as it was possible to muster. He hoped the P.M.'s would continue to show their love for the Lodge, where he felt assured their efforts would always be appreciated. Personally, he felt on the best of terms with them—a fact which, he thought, augured well for the next twelve months in the Lodge. Bro. Stephens, in acknowledging the toast, said he could not call to mind what injury he had done that he should be called upon to respond for so large a company of Past Masters. There were many present who were his seniors, and who would have been far more suitable than he; but having been commanded, he obeyed most willingly. He felt quite sure that all the assistance the Past Masters could give would be accorded most heartily. There was a good feeling existing between the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge, that must lead to the work of the Lodge being carried on in the same smooth way as heretofore. The toast of the Visitors was the next on the list, and that was given and received in a most hospitable manner, Bros. Greenwood and Driscoll replying. The toast of the Officers, the Worshipful Master considered more particularly concerned himself, perhaps even more than it concerned the Lodge, for without good Officers he could do nothing. He looked upon all he had that day appointed as being able to perform the work of every post they might be called upon to fill. He also looked upon them as those he could with pleasure work with, and if any of his appointments might be open to question, they should bear in mind that he was in a very similar position to that of a captain of a ship to whom must be left the appointment of assistants who would work amicably, and among whom there was no fear of mutiny. Each of the officers having replied, the toast of the Press was given, Bro. Morgan jun. acknowledging the compliment paid by the W.M. to the Masonic portion of the literature of the country. The proceedings were brought to a close in the usual form.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THIS Lodge met at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 19th instant. There were present Bros. J. Andrews W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., Witherston J.W., Wayland Treas., Sergeant Sec., A. Clark S.D., R. W. Pearcy J.D., Gieseke I.G., Bowler Tyler, and P.M.'s Bratton, Picking, Brown, and Lyons, with a good muster of the members. The usual preliminaries were gone through, and the Lodge advanced to the second degree, when Bros. G. and S. Ager gave proof of their proficiency, and were duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren were raised in a very impressive manner. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. C. Free answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, and was passed to the degree of F.C. The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with, that of the installation of Bro. Fenner the W.M. elect, who was duly obligated by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and those brethren below the degree of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Fenner was regularly installed into the chair of K.S.; he invested Bro. Andrews as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the brethren admitted; they saluted the W.M. in the three degrees, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Witherston S.W., A. Clark J.W., Wayland Treas., Sergeant Sec., R. W. Pearcy S.D., Gieseke J.D., D. Legg I.G., Wallbrecht W.S., Patrick D.C., Bowler Tyler. After this the ceremony was completed by Bro. Andrews giving the addresses, in a manner that elicited the hearty approbation of those present. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served by Mrs. Vause in her satisfactory manner, and to which the brethren did ample justice. The cloth being removed, the usual Loyal toasts were proposed, and heartily responded to. The health of the W.M. was proposed, in a very graceful speech, by Bro. Andrews I.P.M. In response, Bro. Fenner thanked Bro. Andrews for the flattering way in which he had proposed the toast; also the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it; he hoped to discharge his duties in as admirable a manner as had Bro. Andrews; he would strive his utmost to give satisfaction to the brethren and promote harmony in the Lodge. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Andrews with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren. In doing this, Bro. Fenner descanted upon the many abilities Bro Andrews had displayed during his year of office. Another souvenir was also presented to the I.P.M., in the shape of a necklet for Mrs. Andrews. This gift was offered in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, as a mark of their appreciation of Bro. Andrews;

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and the W.M. hoped that both he and his wife might live for many years to wear them. Bro. Andrews, in feeling terms, acknowledged the kind marks of their approbation; he assured the brethren that he would always have the interest of the Upton Lodge at heart, and would do his best to further its interests. The Visitors' toast was received with acclamation. The W.M. observed that some of those present were of high Masonic degree, and he felt proud in having such an array of visitors as now sat around him. Bro. Barnes P.M., in an effective speech, complimented the I.P.M. on the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year; also, on the admirable way in which he had crowned those duties by installing his successor. He trusted Bro. Andrews might live for many years to wear the jewel the Lodge had presented him that evening. Bros. Turquand P.M. and Wilson P.M. replied for the rest of the Visitors. The Past Masters' toast was also honoured by the brethren in a bumper. Bro. Bratton P.M. (one of the founders of the Lodge) congratulated the Lodge on having such good workers as their present Officers; he complimented Bro. Andrews on the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M., and had no doubt the brethren now had a Master who would perform his duties with as much credit to the Lodge as his predecessors. Bros. Brown P.M. and Lyons P.M. also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and the Secretary, whom he designated as pillars of the Lodge, and congratulated the brethren on having two such efficient Officers. In the Treasurer was combined the knowledge of a man of business with the kindness of a brother Mason; that had been proved on various occasions. He felt sure that while the Lodge had the advantage of his services no doubt could be found as to its wellbeing. Speaking of Bro. Sargeant, the indefatigable Secretary, the Worshipful Master felt he could hardly do that brother the justice he deserved; the zeal and ability he displayed in assisting the W.M. in discharging the duties of the chair was most commendable; he trusted the brethren would do full honour to the toast, which was then most enthusiastically received. Bro. Wayland in responding assured the brethren that he always strove to do his best for the benefit of the Lodge. If he had been successful in winning their approbation, he was fully satisfied, and would go on discharging his duties with renewed vigour, by so doing he hoped to retain the high opinion the brethren had expressed of him. Bro. Wayland concluded by thanking the brethren warmly for the kind manner his toast had been received. Bro. Sergeant replied; after the excellent speech of Bro. Wayland, he felt he had nothing to say. However, as he was still "on the job" he could only thank the brethren for the hearty reception the toast had met with; he assured them he would perform his duties to the utmost of his ability, and so continue to merit a continuance of their good opinion. In proposing the health of the Officers the W.M. congratulated some of them on their proficiency in the various duties of the Lodge, which was mainly due to regular attendance at the Upton Lodge of Instruction. Bro. S.W. replied, in a short speech. As neither time or trains wait for man, the W.M. then summoned the Tyler, whose toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The Visitors were Bros. Barnes P.M. 933, Turquand P.P.G.D.C. Surrey P.M. 1556, Wilson P.M. 1155, Read P.M. 781 and 1349, Medland P.M. 781, Biddle P.M. 193, Fisk and Wills 212, Ford 180, and Woodman 1524. The following brethren kindly contributed to the harmony of the evening:—Bros. Sergeant, Ford, Read and Stroud, each was accompanied on the piano by Bro. Sherwin, who also during the evening discoursed some excellent music.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1834.

THE ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834 (Bro. Thomas Good), took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Tuesday, 24th inst., in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft. The ceremony was performed according to ancient custom by Bro. S. R. Ellis P.M., to whom a vote of thanks was subsequently accorded for the admirable manner in which he carried out the duty. At the conclusion, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. Cawte I.P.M., George Mason S.W., W. D. Parkhouse J.W., S. R. Ellis P.M. Treas., J. W. Gardner Secretary, Westaway D.C., George Brown S.D., G. Banning J.D., T. Larcom I.G., J. Moody and I. S. Gardner Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent banquet was served, under the direction of the officials of the Freemasons' Club, with the result of whose first efforts in this direction universal satisfaction was expressed. The W.M. presided, being supported during the evening by the following brethren:—Bros. H. Cawte I.P.M. P.P.G.W., A. Cudlipp P.M. 847 P.P.G.D.C. (Mayor of Portsmouth), M. E. Frost P.M. 497, &c., P.G. Treasurer, G. Felton Lancaster P.M. 903 P.P.G.D.C., E. S. Main P.M. 903 P.P.G.D.C. Secretary Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, S. R. Ellis P.M. 342 P.P.G. Reg., E. Groves P.M. 487 P.P.G.D.C., Weeks P.M. 804, J. T. Craven P.M. 342 P.P.G.S.B., G. Wilkins P.M. 342 P.P.G.S.B., W. C. Redward P.M. 342, &c., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 1705, J. W. Willmott P.M. 342 P.G.S., R. Barnes W.M. 342 P.G.D.C., A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, W. Dart W.M. 804, R. W. Mitchell W.M. 963, G. R. Strick W.M. 1423, G. J. Arney W.M. 1658, G. Grant W.M. 1705, C. G. Adames S.W. 1776, H. J. Andrews J.W. 1776, F. Wilton P.P.G. Organist, J. E. Buck J.D. 342, D. Whitehall, G. T. Cunningham, Niven, Box, Marshallsay, the Officers of the Lodge, &c.

On Tuesday, 24th inst., Major Chard, V.C., R.E., took the Masonic degree of the Rose Croix at the Hayshe Rose Chapter, Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. Bro. I. Watts presided.

SAILING BARGE MATCH.

Amongst the annual "outings" which Londoners enjoy must now be included the Race for Sailing Barges. To many inhabitants of the Great City the event may be unknown, but to all connected in any way with the river below bridge, it is looked forward to with pleasure, as affording a most enjoyable day's outing. Some take water at London Bridge, but Blackwall Pier is the great rendezvous and starting point for those intending to accompany the barges in their contest for the Championship of the Thames. Here the various craft, from the largest paddle steamer chartered for a Committee-boat down to the tiny steam launch, embark their happy freights and make for Erith, where the smart barges are moored in readiness to start for the Nore Light-Ship, round which and back to Erith is the usual course. This year the match was sailed on Tuesday, 17th inst., when the barges were favoured with a stiff breeze, which carried them through the water at such a rate that it was only the fastest steamers which could keep up with them. Amongst the few steamers that did, and went the whole course, was the Steam Yacht "Game Cock," of which Bro. E. Martin (Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87) is Captain. This vessel had been chartered and provisioned for the day by Bro. J. R. Cox, of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, who invited the W.M. and other members of that Lodge to accompany the barges. She started from Blackwall Pier at 10 o'clock, with about twenty brethren on board, and was not long running down to Erith to witness the barges start, and after affording her passengers an excellent view of the race, from beginning to end, landed them back at Blackwall before 8 o'clock. For a trip down the river or out to sea, there is no better vessel for a small party than the "Game Cock."

Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962.—A meeting was held on 18th August, at Lodge Rooms, Portland-square, Workington, Cumberland. Bros. J. L. Coverdale W.M., D. B. Whinstone S.W., Wm. Jackson J.W., G. Brooker Treas., Jas. Thompson Secretary, Wm. Whitehead S.D., J. F. Burnett Steward, A. Osbaldeston I.G., J. Troughear Tyler; P.M.'s J. Wood, J. A. Salkeld, H. Irving, Rev. E. M. Rico, &c. The business comprised the raising of Bro. F. W. Paul. The members considered the subject of providing refreshments after the monthly Lodge meetings. After free and full discussion, it was unanimously agreed to do so. The balance-sheet for the past year was read and adopted.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning town, on Tuesday, 24th inst. P.M. Myers W.M., P.M. Cundick S.W., Forss J.W., Watson I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read; the Lodge then opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the second, when the following sections were worked by the brethren:—First Bro. Watson, second Johnson, third Pavitt, fourth Forss, fifth Musto. In the third degree Bro. Smith worked the first, Musto second, and Forss third. Lodge then resumed to the first, when Bro. P.M. Cundick was unanimously elected to fill the office of W.M. for Tuesday next, when the installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Cundick. This will be a treat for all who can possibly attend, as the working of Bro. Cundick is not to be surpassed. P.M.'s T. J. Barnes, Musto and Myers will support him on the occasion.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At a meeting held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 23rd August. Present:—Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Bro. S. L. Green W.M., Goddard S.W., Partridge J.W.; also Bros. McDonald, Lyons, Kimbell, Robson, Seymour-Clarke Sec., and others. After usual formalities, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and Bro. Lyons was raised. The ceremony being very well rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. McDonald worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in due form. Next Monday being the fifth Monday in the month, the usual practice will be adhered to, and the ceremony of Installation will this month be rehearsed by Bro. McCarthy W.M. 1076. Judging from former experience of that brother's working, Craftsmen will do well not to miss so good an opportunity of acquiring Masonic knowledge and instruction. Bro. T. E. Goddard will be duly installed as W.M.

Hackney Carriages and Stage Coaches were first subjected to a duty or licence by the Act 14 Charles II. cap. 2, but this was a local tax imposed for the purpose of raising a fund for paving, amending, and enlarging the streets within the bills of mortality. In 1694 (5 William & Mary) the produce of the tax was transferred to the National Exchequer, and has ever since remained a part of the Public Revenue. In this year every Hackney Carriage was charged £50 for the licence for twenty-one years, and £4 per annum duty. Stage Coaches were licenced for one year only and paid £8 each. These duties were at first collected by a Board of Commissioners of Hackney Coaches. However consolidation with other boards was recommended in 1781, but not effected till fifty years later, when it was joined to the Board of Stamps.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For bad legs, bad breasts, scorbutic and scrofulous sores, this is a genuine specific. The grateful and earnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced its unrivalled power over these complaints, and who have been raised from prostrate helplessness and a condition loathsome to themselves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon its extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed in lukewarm water, and when the pores are thereby opened, the Ointment should be rubbed in, at least twice a day. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as this much assists the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matter engendered by these diseases.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 28th AUGUST.

1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 30th AUGUST.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hote', High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1607—Metropolitan, White Swan, Coleman-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1366—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1568—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
R. A. 221—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crawndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1441—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1451—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Tolmorden
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Cheque, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.3 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queens, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southcate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson's, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1482—Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Epworth, Linc.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1763—St. Mary, Masonic Hall, Thame, Oxon
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1074—Underley, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale
1086—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Athelstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
1524—Fark, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, at The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, when the following were present: Bros. Payne W.M., F. Brasted S.W., Nash J.W., Radcliffe S.D., Pepper, Froom, Pearce, G. H. Stephens, Morgan, Graham, King Preceptor, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pearce candidate. Bro. Pepper offered himself as a candidate for passing, underwent examination, and the W.M. in the usual course rehearsed the ceremony. Some sections of the second lecture were then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for next meeting. The brethren of this Lodge of Instruction have secured most comfortable quarters at the Moorgate.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Latterly we have not heard so frequently from the Secretary of this popular Lodge of Instruction as we could desire. However, being in the neighbourhood of Kew on Friday last, we spent a very pleasant hour with the members. We found no less

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than four Past Masters of the Mother Lodge present, and a goodly attendance of members to support them. The Lodge was opened at 8 o'clock, by Bro. Maton, whilst Bro. Geflowski and Walter Goss P.M. respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. Bros. C. Andrews P.M. S.D., L. Franckel J.D., J. M. Mitchell I.G., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Preceptor, Henry E. Tucker Treasurer; also Bros. W. Gardiner P.M., Gomm W.M. 780, B. Blasby, J. Brill, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. W. Gomm then took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Morgan acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair, and several matters were discussed, relative to the time for commencing business, &c. Bro. Geflowski was elected W.M. for next meeting, and then Lodge was closed. Bro. Gunner, the Secretary, was away for his holidays. The Lodge room is well appointed, and Host Brill seems ever anxious to minister to the comfort of his patrons. The members of the Lodge always accord a hearty welcome to visiting brethren.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 24th instant. Bros. Polak W.M., Carr S.W., Brasted J.W., Marsh S.D., Williams J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Christian, and Johnson. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. P.M. Wallington will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Tuesday evening next.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 19th inst. This being the meeting previous to the assembling of the Mother Lodge, which had been summoned for emergency business on Saturday, according to custom the Officers of the year (or so many of them as could attend) took their respective positions. The Lodge of Instruction was therefore formed as follows:—Bros. H. Kasner W.M., A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., W. Seward J.D., F. Millsom I.G., J. Wells Sec., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. J. Chambers Roe P.M., W. W. Morgan, E. C. Porter, E. J. Acworth, Meadows, H. Stephens, Bellerby, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Morgan acting as candidate. The arrangements for presenting the proposed testimonial to Bro. F. Delevante were discussed, and after other business had been considered Lodge was closed.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Wednesday, 25th August, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road, E. Bros. Wooding W.M., Abrahams S.W., Ward J.W., Smith Treasurer, Hand Sec., Tyre S.D., R. Smith J.D., Clements I.G., Hogg Preceptor. Visitor—Bro. Smith, &c. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hand worked the first, Bro. Wooding the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; and Bro. Hogg worked the third, assisted by Bro. Wooding. Bro. Abrahams was appointed W.M. for next week. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—An emergency meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Ealing Institute. The W.W. Bro. Henry Kasner presided, and he was supported by the immediate Past Master Bro. T. Kingston; Bros. A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, Henry E. Tucker Treasurer, W. Seward jun. J.D., Fisher I.G., F. Delavante Organist, Rawles Tyler. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros Walter Goss P.M. 780, Eydmann 780, Manton 780, Owen, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge was formed and opened in regular way, Mr. Geo. Crook, who had been ballotted for at a previous meeting was introduced, and the W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation in a manner that will sustain the reputation this Lodge has acquired for perfect working. The main business of the day, however, was formally to offer to Bro. F. Delavante, Organist of the Lodge, some slight recognition for the many services he had rendered the brethren, and with a view to affording him some help at the present time, when he is sorely afflicted as to his eyesight, an affliction which renders it necessary he should seek some rest from his professional labours, and which may, though we sincerely hope it may not, result in a permanent deprivation of that greatest of all blessings—sight. The W.M. on rising to explain to Bro. Delavante what the members desired, said he considered what he had then to do a most pleasing duty, indeed he might say the most pleasing duty of his year of office. At an earlier meeting the brethren had voted a sum of £5, this being the maximum sum allowed by the Bye Laws, towards a testimonial. This had been liberally added to by the members, and those associated with the Lodge of Instruction working under its warrant. The Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, which meets in the immediate neighbourhood, likewise had expressed a desire to participate in this tribute of respect, and the united exertions of those who had taken part resulted in the realisation of a goodly sum. The brethren who had the conduct of affairs had been somewhat exercised as to how the money should be expended; several propositions were made and duly considered; it had been suggested that a watch and chain should be purchased, but this idea was abandoned. Eventually it was decided that the testimonial should take the more substantial form of a purse of money, and that the good feeling of those who contributed should be expressed in the shape of an illuminated vellum. Bro. Kasner then formally presented these gifts, assuring Brother Delevante of the firm hold he had on the respect and esteem of the brethren, and personally expressing a hope that the purse he had now the gratification to present might ever retain a goodly bulk, and never be unequal to the demands the recipient might be called to make upon it. The illuminated testimonial, with the purse of money, were then formally handed over to Bro. Delevante. We may state here that to Bro. J. Chambers Roe P.M., had been entrusted the preparations of the gift. It displayed most artistic taste on the part of that brother; the execution was faultless, and reflected greatly on the refined spirit in which the whole was conceived. We append copy of the inscription:—

This Testimonial,
With a Purse of Sovereigns,
Was presented to Bro. F. Delevante,
By the Brethren of
The West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612,
And the Lodge of Instruction attached thereto,
And in conjunction with
The Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780,
As a mark of respect and esteem for services rendered as Organist,
and for his genial kindness, affability, and brotherly
love towards all.

Henry Kasner W.M. 1612.
Adam J. Burr S.W.
Jas. Green J.W.
Henry E. Tucker, Preceptor of Instruction No. 1612.
J. Chambers Roe, Preceptor Lodge of Instruction No. 780.

Ealing, 21st August 1880.

Bro. Delevante, on whom the remarks of the W.M. seemed to make a deep impression, said that the kind sympathy expressed by Bro. Kasner, accompanied as it was by so weighty an earnest of their good feeling, had left him—loquacious as he generally was—almost without the power of speech. He felt somewhat in the position of the earnest toiler in a gold field, who has spent week after week in ineffectual labour, and who suddenly drops upon a vein of the bright shining metal. The, to him, event of the day, was wholly unanticipated. True, that prince of good Masons, Bro. Beasley, some time since had thrown out a hint that his services deserved some recognition, but he (Bro. Delevante) did not feel he had done anything worthy of special recoguition; moreover, he felt the occasion was inopportune, as the members of the Lodge had heavy claims upon them. With respect to what the W.M. had said in regard to his affliction, he was about to take—on medical advice—a short sea trip, and the brethren might rest assured that the surroundings of that trip would be made none the less pleasant by two or three of the bright coins contained in the well-furnished purse he held. As to the handsome Testimonial, nothing could be in better taste. He was, indeed, proud of its expression of good feeling, and felt sure it would be equally valued by his children and his children's children. He sincerely hoped he might benefit by the voyage, as in that case it might be said—if that were possible—their kindness had a double value. He thanked those who, like our brethren of old, had worked so noiselessly, that not even a sound of what they were doing had up to this day reached him. He accepted their gift—yea, as the salt of the earth;—if he took but a pinch of it, it would add zest to his enjoyment. He was not going away for long; he trusted he might return benefitted by his trip, and that he might participate with the brethren in many future meetings, where their conduct might be governed by faith, hope, and charity; and that the Lodge and its members might continue in unity, peace, and concord. This completing the business of the day, Lodge was closed. The brethren then repaired to the Feathers' Hotel, where Bro. Stephens supplied an inexpensive but substantial dinner and dessert, which was placed upon the table with every regard to detail, and appeared to give unqualified satisfaction to those who partook. Bro. Kasner presided, and on the removal of the cloth gave the customary toasts, which were severally honoured and responded to. In the course of the evening some capital songs were sung; amongst those who contributed to the harmony we may enumerate Bros. Meadows, Green, Parsons, Coop, Youens, Clark, Moton, Morgan, &c. Bro. Delevante acted as accompanyist.

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appeared that there was a balance in the Bank of England amounting to £5,649 0s 5d, irrespective of the usual balances in the hands of Grand Secretary for wages and contingencies. The announcement that the annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would be submitted to Grand Lodge, and that a certain brother would appeal against a sentence of suspension passed upon him by the D.G. Master of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, for publishing the proceedings of the District G. Lodge without authority, completed the list. Grand Lodge, no doubt, must have felt a considerable amount of satisfaction it was not called upon to embark in a heated discussion when we are in the midst of a warm season such as it does not often fall to the lot of Englishmen to enjoy—in his own country. It is impossible to imagine any one getting himself into a state of excitement over the announcement that two Lodges had been fined two guineas a-piece for certain offences, or because a brother appealed against the sentence passed upon him by his Dist. G. Master for a breach of the Constitutions. Even several pairs of such breaches must have failed to stir the life blood of our grave and reverend senators into anything more than the most languid attention to the circumstances. We are not likely to be found in the company of those who think the publication of Lodge or District Grand Lodge proceedings is a very serious offence. The business ordinarily transacted in one G. Lodge or Lodge so closely resembles that in every other that a printed form describing what was done might be prepared, only spaces being left vacant for the title of the Lodge, date and place of meeting, names of members, and a few other particulars of a stereotyped character. Still a D.G. Master, and indeed the W.M. of a private Lodge, has a perfect right to put his veto on the publication of proceedings. We may regard him as narrow-minded, not to say childish, for doing so, but he has undoubtedly the power to forbid publication, and those who set him at defiance must be prepared to take the consequences.

As to the Lodges which have been fined, and the offences of which they were guilty, we would draw the attention of our readers to a letter we publish elsewhere in our columns. The writer's remarks are worthy of some attention. Of the fifteen new Lodges warranted since the June Communication, seven are Provincial and eight Colonial, among the latter being the Seaforth Lodge, No. 1866, Cabul, Affghanistan. Now, however, that our armies have evacuated Cabul, we shall be curious to learn what will become of this Lodge. Will it continue—that is, in the event of its having begun—to meet in the capital of the Ameer, or will it find new quarters at Candahar or elsewhere in the neighbourhood? One other matter must be noticed. The statement of accounts shows a balance in the Bank of England of over £5,600, but what need is there for keeping so considerable a sum on hand, when, as moneys are always being received by Grand Lodge, probably one-half of the sum would be ample to meet all possible contingencies. It may be that just now there is a

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DOES REFRESHMENT REFRESH?

From the Keystone.

his inquiry we do not refer to that Refreshment which ordinarily llows labour in the Lodge, but to the prolonged season of hment during the summer months, through which we are now g, during which the majority of the Lodges are called off. his Refreshment refresh? Are we healthier Masons than we hysically and morally, when we are called on to labour in the n? In other words, have we "mixed reason with pleasure, dom with mirth" in our summer amusements? A large of persons cannot conscientiously answer this question in the ive. A contemporary hits the nail on the head in reporting wing conversation: "Hallo! when did you return?" asked of his friend Binns, whom he met on the street. "Why, I been away," replied the latter. "You haven't?" incredu-ked Snobson, "why you look so worn out and near dead, itively thought that you had been away to one of the water- for a few weeks for the benefit of your health!" It is true, few persons return from their summary pursuit of pleasure lace themselves in the doctor's, or undertaker's hands. we saw two of these worthies employed, the one to dose, to bury, victims of over-refreshment. Certainly *their* t did *not* refresh.

is, those who are employed the major part of the year in lks of civil and Masonic life, are too apt to plunge into , to become intemperate in their amusements, when a comes to be more or less given up to enjoyment. In he voyage of life we are all resolved to have a good time.

"A gallant trim the gilded vessel goes,
Youth on the prow, and pleasure at the helm."

comparatively unskilled to sail among the shallows n beneath the dazzling waters, and hence the steersman, mes runs the prow, with the youth upon it, on a sand- shipwreck of both the craft and the youth. *Such* oes not refresh.

certain routine pleasures, indulged in by tens of h are looked upon as harmless, and yet which are f danger. Take so simple a recreation as salt-water is not merely an enjoyment pure and simple, but is physicians for the upbuilding of health. How it li of our sea-side resorts. Instead of remaining in 'om fifteen minutes to half-an-hour, many prolong hour or more, and wear out their frames instead of Others do not remain so long in the water, but sport rwards in their wet robes, with a fresh wind play- the great peril of their lungs, and other vital organs. does not refresh.

rience of not a few persons who have travelled by the crusty saying of old Dr. Johnson, that "being n a jail, with the chance of being drowned." Dur- on numerous and sad have been the casualties to f pleasure, who have trusted themselves, by night ge of steamers and sailing craft. Better would n had their labour been unceasing, for then they ly sought refreshment, and paid for it in advance

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THE COMMUNICATION OF WEDNESDAY.

IT is long since so meagre a programme of business has been offered to Grand Lodge as was submitted for consideration on Wednesday. Ten grants, amounting in the aggregate to £800, were recommended in the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence. The Board of General Purposes reported that two Lodges had been subjected to fines, and to their Report was appended a statement of accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee from which it appeared that there was a balance in the Bank of England amounting to £5,649 0s 5d, irrespective of the usual balances in the hands of Grand Secretary for wages and contingencies. The announcement that the annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would be submitted to Grand Lodge, and that a certain brother would appeal against a sentence of suspension passed upon him by the D.G. Master of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, for publishing the proceedings of the District G. Lodge without authority, completed the list. Grand Lodge, no doubt, must have felt a considerable amount of satisfaction it was not called upon to embark in a heated discussion when we are in the midst of a warm season such as it does not often fall to the lot of Englishmen to enjoy—in his own country. It is impossible to imagine any one getting himself into a state of excitement over the announcement that two Lodges had been fined two guineas a-piece for certain offences, or because a brother appealed against the sentence passed upon him by his Dist. G. Master for a breach of the Constitutions. Even several pairs of such breaches must have failed to stir the life blood of our grave and reverend senators into anything more than the most languid attention to the circumstances. We are not likely to be found in the company of those who think the publication of Lodge or District Grand Lodge proceedings is a very serious offence. The business ordinarily transacted in one G. Lodge or Lodge so closely resembles that in every other that a printed form describing what was done might be prepared, only spaces being left vacant for the title of the Lodge, date and place of meeting, names of members, and a few other particulars of a stereotyped character. Still a D.G. Master, and indeed the W.M. of a private Lodge, has a perfect right to put his veto on the publication of proceedings. We may regard him as narrow-minded, not to say childish, for doing so, but he has undoubtedly the power to forbid publication, and those who set him at defiance must be prepared to take the consequences.

As to the Lodges which have been fined, and the offences of which they were guilty, we would draw the attention of our readers to a letter we publish elsewhere in our columns. The writer's remarks are worthy of some attention. Of the fifteen new Lodges warranted since the June Communication, seven are Provincial and eight Colonial, among the latter being the Seaforth Lodge, No. 1866, Cabul, Affghanistan. Now, however, that our armies have evacuated Cabul, we shall be curious to learn what will become of this Lodge. Will it continue—that is, in the event of its having begun—to meet in the capital of the Ameer, or will it find new quarters at Candahar or elsewhere in the neighbourhood? One other matter must be noticed. The statement of accounts shows a balance in the Bank of England of over £5,600, but what need is there for keeping so considerable a sum on hand, when, as moneys are always being received by Grand Lodge, probably one-half of the sum would be ample to meet all possible contingencies. It may be that just now there is a more frequent demand for draughts on Grand Lodge, in order to meet unusual expenditure. Still it is as well that balances should be kept as low as they can be consistently with the demands likely to be made on the account. Money should not be allowed to lie idle, and unless the Bank of England makes a point of insisting on its customers retaining abnormal balances, we think our Finance Committee might content itself with one of between £2000 and £3000.

SOME PECULIAR VIEWS ABOUT FREEMASONRY.

MANY are the strange ideas which people adopt as to the character and purpose of Freemasonry. Some are never happy but when they insist that it is a kind of religion. Others not only deny that it is a religion, but are determined it shall resent all connection with whatever is, even in the remotest degree, associated with religion. Some hold that it has political tendencies, some that it is a dangerous Secret Society, and others that it merely practises the rites of conviviality. But it is long since we have seen more singular notions laid down than in the article we published last week from our esteemed contemporary the *Keystone*. The article was entitled, "A Peculiar System of Morality," and no one will deny it was a most eloquent exposition of the false morality of the world, as well as of that system which should take its place; but there was an amazing novelty in the duties it sought to inculcate on Freemasons. We willingly admit that "Freemasons are neither snivelling hypocrites, nor nasal-twanged Pharisees." We grant that "our peculiar system, which allows such liberality of thought in religious matters, permits equal latitude in things pertaining to morality"—provided, of course, no attempt is made to foist upon us a spurious morality. We also allow that, as Charity is of the very essence of Freemasonry, "it does not teach us to despise and shun those that have erred." But it sounds strange in our ears that Freemasonry "sends forth her sons to save such men, to bring them back to the fold; to try every means in their power to rescue them from the temptations by which they are surrounded." Our Lodges, when they meet together, spend a part of their time in studying our particular system of morality, and the rest in pleasant intercourse of a social character. If a brother has fallen into misfortune, the circumstances are brought under notice, and, provided he is found to be a worthy man—that is, that his misfortunes are not due to his personal misconduct—his necessities are relieved according to the ability of the brethren. But from what source did our Philadelphian contemporary learn that, speaking figuratively, it is the duty of every Mason to go forth into the wilderness of sin for the purpose of reclaiming to virtue those who had abandoned themselves to vicious pursuits? Such a duty necessarily devolves upon the minister of religion; for, unless he can induce abandoned creatures to perceive the folly of their immorality, he will find it impossible to awake in them any sense of religion. Religion and morality are so intimately associated that it is impossible for any one to be religious who is not moral, or moral who is not religious. Some will, doubtless, take exception to this view, and especially those who strive to dissociate Freemasonry from any and everything of a religious character. Nevertheless such is the view we have again and again expressed of the character of our Masonic system;

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his able and zealous services, was voted unanimously. This year the Lodge treated itself to a set of new pedestals, at a cost of £13. At the meeting in November it is recorded that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, announcing that the next Festival would be held on the 11th March following, and requesting to be furnished with the name of some brother as Steward, and Bro. J. J. Blake P.M. very kindly undertook to represent the Lodge on the occasion. Bro. Capper presided over the Lodge as Master in 1857, the usual P.M.'s jewel being voted to Bro. F. C. Jones his predecessor in the office. In April of this year the Treasurer reported the state of the Lodge finances, with a view to having all claims on them satisfied by the close of the current season, and he suggested that every member in arrear with his subscription should be requested to transmit the amount forthwith. These propositions were agreed to, and in good time, for at the date the last finance report was made the outstanding subscriptions were stated at £50 8s. Bro. Playford was W.M. in 1858, a P.M.'s jewel being voted to Bro. Capper on retiring from the chair, while the master, including Visitors, on the occasion of Bro. Playford's installation was little short of thirty. The accounts for the past year showed a balance in hand of over £10. Bros. Manley and Gower volunteered to serve as Stewards, the former at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School, and the latter at that of the Boys', and then follows notice of a resolution, to be moved by Bro. Past Master Jones at the meeting in March, to the effect that the Lodge "subscribe to each of the Charities." The motion, however, was referred to a Committee to report and recommend such measures as might, consistently with the Lodge funds, be calculated to meet the case. This Committee in their report said that the Lodge funds were just sufficient to meet the expenditure, but they recommended that the December banquet be discontinued, and they reckoned that by other means the Lodge might make a saving of £25 annually, which would enable it to subscribe to all the Charities. The report was received, and it was agreed, on the motion of Brother Blake, seconded by the Worshipful Master, that a sum of Ten Guineas be subscribed to the Girls' School, and that "the further consideration of the question as to the other Charities be postponed for the present." In October it was proposed that all members whose subscription were in arrear for more than twelve months should be written to and "informed of the amount due, and to be further informed that if not paid at the next Lodge the 2nd Bye-Law would be enforced." Bro. W. L. Manley entered on his Mastership in February 1859, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands, and his predecessor, Bro. 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Several of these persons, it seems, from Grand Secretary Clarke's letter, had applied to be admitted into Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, as joining members, and in some cases the applications had been successful owing to the Lodges that affiliated them not having been cognisant of the irregular formation of the Smyrna Lodges. In order to prevent the occurrence of further mistakes of the same kind Grand Lodge, at a Special Meeting on the 23rd June 1859, resolved on issuing a caution to the above effect to the W. Masters of all regular Lodges against admitting as Visitors or joining members any of these irregularly made Masons. In November a second circular, of a somewhat similar kind, was read from Grand Secretary Clarke, but the tone was severer in its character. In this Bro. G. Secretary Clarke cautions the Lodge against allowing access to it by members of a Lodge calling itself "The Reformed Masonic Order of Memphis or Rite of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphis (*sic*) and holding its meetings at Stratford in Essex. The W. Master is further enjoined that he must caution the members of his Lodge "that they can hold no communication with irregular Lodges without incurring the penalty of expulsion from the Order, and"—as if that were not sufficient punishment—"the liability to be proceeded against under the Act 39 George III. for taking part in the meetings of illegal Societies." In order to enable the W. Master to judge better of the irregular character of these members of "The Reformed Lodge of the Order of Memphis," a copy of a certificate issued by it was enclosed. We are not surprised at the severity with which Grand Lodge condemned the conduct of these irregular Masons. If Masonry is to flourish, its rulers cannot be too strict in a matter of this kind, for it is these people who have done so much towards bringing ridicule on the Society.

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THE SACREDNESS OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Mountain Villa, Hornsea,
25th August 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the above heading a leader appeared in your issue of Saturday last, reflecting upon me as the W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, in the management of the Emergency Lodge held on the 10th January 1877. I must ask you to allow me to correct some of the statements made therein.

In the first place, you say, "Bro. H. E. Voigt and other brethren of Hull were the founders of the Lodge." This is not the case. Bro. Voigt was not a founder of the Lodge, but was one of the first members to join it, together with other brethren residing in Hornsea and Hull.

It is a fact that the Rev. E. L. H. Tew, the vicar of Hornsea, was proposed, balloted for, and elected at the regular meeting of the Lodge, on the 20th January 1875, but he never took up his membership, and the proposition fee was not paid at the time, although it was paid afterwards; but to state that this omission was a cause of offence to Bro. Voigt is certainly incorrect. It had never been the custom in the Lodge to collect the fee at the time a new member was proposed. Bro. Voigt was present, and acting as D.C. at the meeting held on the 20th January 1875, when the first ballot for Mr. Tew took place, and no objection was raised by him or any other brother to the non-payment of the proposition fee until after his second ballot, on the 10th January 1877, when the blackballing took place. As to the alleged slight to the Lodge in Mr. Tew not having taken up his membership, such a thing was never heard of until after the 10th January 1877.

Not being a lawyer I cannot explain why all the facts of the case were not gone into at the late trial, but I am informed that counsel relied upon the plea of privileged communication, hence it was not necessary to go into the merits. This being so, only a partial statement of the real facts was made, and I ask you, in justice to myself and the Alexandra Lodge, to hear the other side.

Before stating what I think has been omitted or misrepresented, I would premise that the defendant's pleadings in the action distinctly raised the obligation the plaintiff was under before going to law to apply to Grand Lodge. This he demurred to, and Mr. Justice Field (himself a Mason) felt the contention so strong that he adjourned the hearing of the demurrer to the next Term to enable a settlement to be come to. This, however, was rejected by the plaintiff Voigt, he pressed on the demurrer in the next Term, and was successful. He alone, therefore, is responsible for the matter having come before a court of law.

In the first year of the Lodge's existence (when a Hall Member was W.M.), it was customary to delay opening the Lodge until the arrival of the 6·30 train at Hornsea, but during my year of office as the W.M., this was not carried out, but the Lodge was opened at 6·30 precisely, according to summons.

Your statement that the brethren of the Alexandra Lodge are lax as to their ideas of the ballot is altogether untrue, and founded on a misconception of what took place.

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Mr. Tew's name should be withdrawn; his proposer, however, declined to accede to this course, and the result was the same as in Mr. Casson's case. I then saw there was a probability of some unpleasantness arising, and therefore at once closed the Lodge.

In the hat and cloak room adjoining, the plaintiff and his friends boasted of what they had done, and stated it was *the beginning of a new system*, and that it had been done because they were not satisfied at the result of the late election to the chair. They followed up this new system on the next opportunity, blackballing joining brethren, one of whom was a P.M. (twice) and P.P.G. Officer. Even in blackballing Messrs. Tew and Casson they stated that they had nothing against either of them.

You will see, therefore, that there was no make-believe secrecy in the ballot so far as the Lodge was concerned, but the betrayal was by the plaintiff and his friends, out of the Lodge.

You ask how I came to sanction the abstaining of any member present from voting. The universal custom in the Hull Lodges (in one or more of all of which the first members of the Alexandra had been made) is simply to let such brethren as choose vote. The ballot-box is not carried round, but is stationed behind the S.W.'s chair, where the brethren can vote without being seen.

On the night in question I pressed the brethren to vote, but certainly I had no idea that I could compel them to do so. It must appear, from what I have stated above, that I never sanctioned or connived at any inquiry as to how the votes were given, or allowed any one to state how he had voted; whatever was declared was outside the Lodge.

You say the plaintiff had no opportunity to express to the proposer or seconder of the gentlemen blackballed his dissent, because the Lodge was opened before the usual time. I have already stated it was not, and Mr. Voigt could have seen me during the seven days prior to the meeting, or the proposer and seconder of the candidates, and most of the other members in Hull; yet he never mentioned his objections to Mr. Tew to any one.

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P.G.S.B. N. and E. Yorks 1878.

[We have great pleasure in complying with Bro. Wells's request, and giving publicity to his very manly and straightforward letter. It presents certain points in the case in a clearer and more explicit light, but its general tendency will be to spread the blame over a wider space of ground. In all its phases, it is a most unsavoury subject, and affords evidence unmistakable that, for all its apparent harmony at first starting, there must have been some members selected who had been better kept outside the Lodge. It is clear that those who announced publicly in the ante-room that they had blackballed Messrs. Tew and Casson were in the wrong, and that the W.M. at the time is exonerated in such case from all blame for the disclosure of the ballot, assuming, of course, that Bro. Wells's version is the correct one. Then, Mr. Tew, who was elected in January 1875, and never dreamt of taking up his membership till January 1877, when the process of a ballot had to be gone over a second time, was undoubtedly guilty of a slight to the Lodge and to every individual member of it; and if Bro. Voigt, though he had voted in his favour in 1875, thought fit to oppose him in 1877, he was acting within his right in doing so. We are glad the revelation as to who voted for whom was not made in open Lodge, and we regret that Bro. Voigt, who is a Mason of some standing, and his companions should have made known that they had blackballed certain candidates. But was it calculated to mend matters when, on hearing this, Bro. Tudor Trevor seems to have gone further and resolved on asking for a Lodge of emergency for the purpose of excluding Bros. Voigt, &c., &c., and in the notice had the terms of his motion made as objectionable as possible. Then we should like to know how a Lodge that was consecrated in 1874, though it might have resolved on a policy, could possibly have "acquired a habit" in January of the following year. Even the two years which elapsed between Mr. Tew's first and second ballots are hardly a long enough interval for the acquisition of a habit. Another point has to be considered. It took Mr. Tew two years to make up his mind that he really wanted to be a Mason, but if he was so deliberate, why was an emergency meeting called, and brethren living at Hull put to the trouble of travelling about sixteen miles and the same distance back again, for the purpose of voting a second time for Mr. Tew? We cannot say that Bro. Voigt is as free from blame as he seemed to be on reading the early version of the circumstances, and we think he would have acted wisely had he followed the advice offered by Justice Field before the preliminary steps were taken. But his error and the mistaken resolution he adopted of seeking his remedy in a court of law do not acquit his opponents of blame.

We are sorry we should have been called upon to offer remarks on a case connected with this Lodge, particulars of whose doings have frequently appeared in our columns, and which gave promise of so harmonious a career. We also accept the correction that Bro. Voigt was not a founder, though it seems from our report of the consecration, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Vol. I. p 135, that he was on that occasion appointed and invested as D. of C.—ED. F. C.]

THE SACREDNESS OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Hornsea, East Yorks, 31st August 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It was not my intention to reply to your article under the above heading in your issue of the 21st inst., as I hoped that the whole matter (unpleasant as it has been to all concerned in it) might now be buried, but I think it my duty to inform your correspondent, "SPONTE SUA," that Bros. Voigt, Hockney, and Harrison *did appeal* to the Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorks from the resolution of the Alexandra Lodge, by which they were excluded; the Provincial Grand Master, however, *upheld the decision of the Lodge*.

Bros. Hockney and Harrison bowed to the Provincial Grand Master's authority, but Bro. Voigt proceeded with an action for libel.

Yours fraternally,

COOK LAKING,
Sec. Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511.

A MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I'ray do not imagine from the heading of this letter that I am about to re-open a discussion upon the miserable proceedings at the recent Leeds Assizes, which have already been—perhaps too much—commented upon. I wish, however, to direct attention:—1st. To the statement of counsel, as reported in the *Times*, that "the plaintiff was a naturalised Englishman, who was an active Freemason, belonging to no fewer than ten Lodges, and having, it was said, taken *thirty degrees in Masonry*." 2nd. To the article in the *Daily News*, reprinted in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 21st ult., which, referring to the plaintiff, says, "This gentleman, a naturalised subject of the Queen, is rightly described as a very active Mason. He has taken no less than *thirty Masonic degrees*, and if not yet a passed bodman he must be pretty near the top of the ladder." 3rd. To a letter from one of the defendants, published in the *Freemason* of last week, signed P.M. P.Z. P.E.C. 30°, &c."

From these extracts it would appear that both parties claim to have taken *thirty degrees* in English Freemasonry, and as such statements, if uncontradicted, may not only convey false impressions to non-Masons, but may also be misleading to many young members of the Craft, I venture to ask that you, as a recognised organ of the Order, will give them a most unqualified denial. "*Masonry consists of three degrees and no more*" (*vide* 'Book of Constitutions,' p 16). "*It is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry*" (*vide* 'Antient Charges').

Of course, in this free land of ours there is no law to prevent a few men, possessed of a dozen stage banners, some property swords, and a small collection of pinchbeck jewellery, from meeting in some out of the way room and dubbing themselves (say) "*The Illustrious Knights of the Mystic Square Circle.*" Having elected from amongst their number an Illustrissimo Grandioso Sir Knight Commendatore of the Golden-Gates, and adopted a trumpery emblem—value one and ninepence, price to a novitiate two guineas—they may then fish for flats, offering their valuable decoration to those blessed with more money than brains, who may be induced to believe that the said Illustrious Knights are the crême-de-la-crême of the Antient Order of Freemasons, who, for a few pounds in cash (this is a *sine quâ non*), and as a great personal distinction, will entrust them with the secrets and invest them with the ribbon and star of this select and eminently aristocratic order, in which at that particular moment *one* vacancy happens to exist. The bait being taken, a solemn conclave of investiture may be convened (and dinner ordered), the neophyte may be treated to a procession of six banner bearers round a small room, the Illustrissimo Grandioso may administer the oaths of secrecy and fidelity—the former that the candidate would be internally scalded to death by iced champagne, rather than divulge those grand secret watchwords, "Wheelabouti, Turnabouti, Jumpjim-crowjemima;" and the latter that he would submit to be trampled to death by butterflies if ever he should refuse to stand drinks round to the Sir Knights of the honourable body to which he now craved admittance. The oaths having been sealed on the holy poker, with a thwack over the head from a tin sword, and the strapping of a pair of brummagem gold spurs on to his heels, the novice may be directed to rise duly invested Illustrious Sir Knight of the Mystic Square Circle and member of the 360th degree. But to call such tomfoolery a degree of Freemasonry would be a much grosser libel than the Hornsea Lodge Circular.

When the big navvy was remonstrated with for allowing his little wife to thrash him, his laughing reply was, that it pleased her and did not hurt him, Freemasons may apply the same reasoning to spurious orders so long as their members do not *publicly* claim them

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to be part of Freemasonry. But circumstances alter cases. When the Law Courts and our leading journals are made the medium for advertising the *thirty degree* pretensions of litigious disputants, it is surely time to repudiate all connection with counterfeit Masonry, and to as publicly declare, on the authority of our Constitutions, that "*Masonry consists of three degrees and no more.*"

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

H.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read the letter of your correspondent, "A LONDON AND COLONIAL P.M.," with much interest, but I am afraid the inequality in the representation in Grand Lodge of country and foreign Lodges on the one hand, and London Lodges on the other, is irremediable, except by the adoption of a course which, I believe, has been more than once suggested, but for which no sufficient reason, I think, can be shown. I mean the division of the Metropolis into a number of districts, each with a separate organisation, such as is possessed by our Provinces and Districts abroad. But what reason can fairly be assigned for such division? The Lodges in the London district have many advantages which are not shared by those in the country. They can attend Grand Lodge with the smallest amount of inconvenience. They are at hand to vote on important questions. Many argue that they have too great a voice in the government of our Institutions. The Red-apron Lodges all hail from London, and though, as I have heard Bro. Frederick Binckes say more than once, a Grand Steward is neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring, it is a much coveted office, and in the absence of any higher representative of Grand Lodge, he is competent to return thanks for the Grand Officers Past and Present. Again, Metropolitan members form the bulk of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board, while in the Lodge of Benevolence their presence, as compared with that of country brethren, is overwhelming. If, then, the Metropolis has not the same number of representatives on the dais, it certainly enjoys some counterbalancing advantages such as those I have enumerated.

In the country or abroad a Provincial or District organisation is desirable, if not absolutely necessary. It were too much to expect our Grand Master and his Officers to run all over the country, and therefore he issues his patents to certain brethren, each of whom acts as his representative in a particular Province or District, and confers local honour on deserving brethren in that Province or District, just as the G.M. confers honour on deserving members of the whole Craft. It does seem absurd that a Province with only four or five Lodges should have as many P.G. Officers as one that can boast of forty or fifty. But the same absurdity will be noticeable in a small Lodge where every member is an Installed Master or Officer. It strikes me on the whole that London has no great cause to grumble. There may not be so many of them entitled to wear the purple, but their influence in the inner life of Freemasonry far exceeds that of the country and abroad, unless a means were found for bringing together the representatives of all the Lodges in the two latter, and that is never likely to happen. In fine, it seems to me to be the better policy to leave things as they are.

Fraternally yours,

A PROVINCIAL.

APPARENT INEQUALITY OF MASONIC PUNISHMENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see from the agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, on the 1st of September, that the Board of General Purposes report that the Angel Lodge, No. 51, of Colchester, has been fined two guineas for having passed a brother to the second degree after an interval of twenty-seven days from his initiation, or within the period prescribed by the Constitutions, an order to the effect that the brother be re-obligated in that degree of necessity accompanying the fine. Lodge Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, has also been subjected to a fine of equal amount for having, in 1875, initiated a brother for less than the regular fee, and for having likewise omitted to return his name for registration. Now, it seems to me either that in the former case the punishment is excessive, or else that in the latter it is most inadequate. Both these Lodges, and especially No. 51, which was warranted in 1875, are, to use a familiar expression, "old enough to know better" than to violate the law, and the older a Lodge the stricter should it be in its attention to even the minutest details of its conduct. It is quite right that, in order to secure uniformity, a minimum interval of time should be fixed for advancing a brother from an inferior to a higher degree, but in this case, though the strict letter of the law was undoubtedly broken, its spirit was as undoubtedly observed. It is easy to see how so trifling an error might have been committed. The Lodge may have thought that a particular month had thirty-one days, whereas it was blessed with only thirty, or, owing to some public holiday falling on the regular day of meeting, the W.M. may have directed an adjournment till the day before instead of the day after. At all events, whatever may have been the cause of the slip, no one can charge the Lodge with having been guilty of indecent haste in passing this brother from the first to the second degree. Nor, I think, will any one be bold enough to suggest that the brother was less fit for such advancement at the end of twenty-seven than of twenty-eight days. It will require that the wisdom of Solomon should be added to that of the Board of General Purposes to make any one outside the charmed circle of the latter believe that the slightest amount of harm could possibly have resulted from so trivial a shortcoming. Limits, of course, are made in order to be observed, not broken, but in this case the re-obligation, with the mildest of admonitions would have sufficed, unless, indeed, the Lodge has been guilty of frequent irregularities in the past, when a fine would be comprehensible. In the second case, the offence committed is far more serious. A minimum fee of three guineas is fixed for initiating a candidate into Freemasonry, and one need not go very far for a reason for this. It is obvious, too, that Masonry would be a very different kind of a body from what it is, if it were left to the option of private Lodges to register their members or not in Grand Lodge. No one, therefore, can assert that a Lodge which has been found guilty of these two irregularities has been too seriously punished by a fine of two guineas. But where is the equality between this double offence of Lodge No. 113 and the mild slip committed by Lodge No. 51—that the same amount of fine should be inflicted in both cases?—unless, as I have just said, the latter has been frequently unmindful of its duties. I trust that if you find space for the insertion of this letter in your next issue, there will be found elsewhere in your columns some explanation of this apparent inequality of punishment.

Grant me room for a few more lines, in order to call the attention of your readers to these two offences and the punishments by which they have been respectively followed, and the very serious offence of which the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, or a considerable portion of its members, has been guilty, as shown in the trial to which you referred in your article on the "Sacredness of the Ballot." May I ask through the medium of your columns, if the Board of General Purposes, while fining Lodges Nos. 51 and 113 two guineas a piece for the offences proved against them, intends allowing No. 1511, of Hornsea, to go unscathed for the very serious crime of disclosing a ballot? If the observance of our Constitutions is to be anything else than a farce and a make-believe, and if the fines inflicted in the cases reported by the Board of General Purposes are deserved, what punishment should overtake the Alexandra Lodge for its utterly un-Masonic conduct as proved before Mr. Justice Bowen?

Fraternally yours,

FIAT JUSTITIA.

London, 28th August 1880.

AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am not more anxious than Bro. Hughan to prolong a controversy which, as far as I am concerned, has been strictly defensive of the views you stated on the subject of Freemasonry in the United States in your earliest issues and on which, it seems to me, any well informed Brother is able to formulate an opinion of his own. I will only ask you, therefore, to accord me a little space for a few final remarks on the question. I promise I will do my best to steer clear of anything of a particularly controversial character.

1. I think you may fairly be said to have established your case as regards the *general* aspect of American Masonry. Bro Hughan says, "The article, ... , did not *select any* of the many Grand Lodges for rebuke, nor were *any excepted* from the friendly criticism." Herein is the merit of your article, which, by the way, has lately been corroborated from American sources. It would have been unkind had you *selected* any Grand Lodges for rebuke, it would have been invidious had you *excepted* any from the friendly criticism. It is merely a matter of opinion, but I think the only way of dealing with the subject was to write without either *selection* or *exception*, especially as Bro. Hughan's own specification of four out of some forty-eight Grand Lodges proves the truth both of his defence of the *particular* four Lodges and your *general* assertion as regards the whole forty-eight. He would have had a far stronger case had he been able to point to twenty or even ten out of the whole number.

2 and 3. It is Bro. Hughan's misfortune, not his fault, that he has not seen what has attracted your attention in corroboration of your views, and your recent extract from the *Masonic Advocate* confirms the views laid down by the veteran Moore in his *Masonic Messenger*. I am not surprised at the long interval that has elapsed between your article and the reply. The truth is not always palatable even among men who are presumed to be so high-minded as Freemasons.

4. I must thank Bro. Hughan for his complimentary expressions to myself, and I am pleased beyond measure that he so earnestly abjures all connection, on the part of Freemasonry, with relief associations or benefit societies. Coming from so authoritative a source this abjuration will be of especial value among our American brethren, who have many warm friends in this country, but none who take so deep an interest in their doings as Bro Hughan. If American Masons in sundry jurisdictions see no other way of securing themselves against the unfortunate contingencies of a rainy day than by starting one of these Societies, I, for one, say let them do so, but they must not call this True Masonry. Moreover, if they make up their minds to ruthlessly cut down all mileage and similar expenses, they will have ample funds available for the relief of necessitous brethren without setting up a Relief Society. I have already said that no one believes the American Mason is less open-handed or liberal-minded than his fellow-countrymen who are not Masons. I am sure that Bro. Hughan's statement about the kindly aid afforded to distressed English brethren by American Lodges is strictly accurate. When Admiral Hope unsuccessfully attacked the Taku forts during the last Chinese War, the American Commodore on the station put out his boats to rescue our wounded fellow-countrymen from drowning. "Blood," he said, "was thicker than water," and not

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Masons of Scotland, will always be true to the Grand Lodge, and that we will always support it, because we are sure that under the present guidance what it does will be right. We will do our best to support you in maintaining the position to which you have attained.

Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, who on rising to respond was received with loud cheering, said—I have often had occasion to return thanks for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and for my name being coupled with that toast. I certainly can truly say that I never heard it more heartily received than by the company here assembled. I must say that I was not quite prepared for the hearty cheers you gave, not that I doubted the kindness of the feelings of the Masons of Glasgow towards the Grand Lodge, and, allow me to say, towards myself. But we have been indulged with very peculiar weather in the West of Scotland for some days past. This afternoon, when I was waiting in what I suppose is called a room, but which I should say was a passage—I really began to wonder how we should get through the evening. The weather has been so extremely hot, but whether it is from the excellence of the entertainment we have received this evening, or from whatever cause, we have been all wonderfully resuscitated. I very heartily thank you for the kind and pleasant manner in which you have proposed the health of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has certainly come through some queer times, but it has weathered the storm, and I am happy to think is now in deep and smooth water. We have all our rigging taut and correct, we have good officers—and a right good crew, and have no fear for the future. I would even back the Grand Lodge against the Livadia. Having allowed that slip inadvertently, I am reminded that I have a double duty to perform, not only to thank you for the way in which you responded to the last toast, but to propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, our excellent friend Brother Pearce. I had the privilege of congratulating him in your Provincial Grand Lodge this forenoon upon his election. I congratulate the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow upon his appointment. Bro. Pearce is well known in Glasgow and its neighbourhood. We know with what energy and enterprise, with what industry and great ability he has conducted for several years one of the most important ship building firms of this country. And we as Masons know that he has paid great attention and devoted himself to the interests of the Craft. He has taken many high degrees in Masonry, and always on those occasions made a good appearance, and has shown that he possesses the qualities necessary to constitute a good, true, and accomplished Mason. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me, and to every member of the Grand Lodge, to be present at the installation of Brother Pearce to this high position. I venture to tell him that he will have no easy post to fill, inasmuch as there are many Lodges, and some strong Lodges, in his province; but I am certain that Brother Pearce will conduct himself as Provincial Grand Master in such a manner that he will retain your feelings of respect towards him. I do not wish to give him or you a lecture on Freemasonry. He knows how to acquire the duties of this important office, and I know that the members of all the Lodges in his province will do their best to support him and his officers in their work for the furtherance of the good of Freemasonry in this very large and important province of Glasgow.

The toast was drunk amidst loud cheers.

The Chairman, replied—As I have only been admitted a brother of the Provincial Grand Lodge a few hours ago, I feel somewhat out of place in taking upon myself to thank the brethren for drinking the toast so cordially as they have done. At the same time, I have been honoured with this post. I have undertaken this afternoon to carry out the Most Worshipful Grand Master's duties with regards to Masonry in the province of Glasgow. I cannot do it by myself, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge must assist me in doing it. We all know the great importance of this province of Glasgow. When I tell you that it embodies one-fifth of the Masons of Scotland you will understand the duties that I, together with the officers of the Grand Lodge, have undertaken. It will be no easy matter to visit

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These good friends, noting the the quarries of Speculative Ma thoroughness of our inspections Friends go to the stately edifice t erected under the supervision of m eyes of a whole State, you may see imperfections—only another evide mars every human undertaking.

Why, our lady friends may ask, for a place in Speculative Masonry grained. Ashlars of pearl, Parian *impossible*! Our work is to make paint colours in the rainbow nor ad Your warm sympathetic natures lessons of charity and love.

My Brother Ashlars, let us remem twelve" in the day of our Masonic of us to diligently ply the tools of finally accepted as perfect ashlars, with hands, eternal in the heavens *Iowa.*

The Freemasons belonging to the Constant Friendship" have just sign ter, praying the Deputies to ordain times for vagrancy or larceny be tr penitentiary colonies. The petition of time those convicts whose conduc be liberated, and favoured with the the colony, which they should, howe Though the Freemasons hope by t Prince of hardened malefactors, wh yet be reclaimed from vice it must

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The Chairman, after proposing the toast of "The Queen," which was warmly received, gave "The Health of the Prince of Wales." He said the Prince of Wales not only took a great interest in the welfare of the industries of the country, but he took a great interest in Masonry.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P.—The toast which I have the honour now to propose for this company is one which is always received with the utmost cordiality. We all know how much our security and prosperity depend upon our gallant defenders. On the present occasion there is another reason why we should drink the toast with even a greater amount of cordiality than is commonly done—that is, because we have in the army, in the navy, and in the reserve forces not only a large number of those who are united to us by the ordinary ties of community, but by the closer ties of Craftship. The army and navy of Great Britain have in the hour of victory behaved with moderation, and in the hour of disaster, when disaster has unfortunately come, they have behaved with honour. What they have done in the past we hope and confidently believe they will do in the future. Though the reserve forces of this country have not had an opportunity of engaging in active conflict with an enemy, yet should that hour ever unfortunately come they will do their duty and follow the example of the other branches of our defences.

Colonel Stewart replied.

The Chairman—The next toast I have to propose is that of the "Grand Lodge of Scotland." (Addressing Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart) —Most Worshipful Grand Master, to you we Masons in Scotland feel that we are greatly indebted. You have done a great deal, perhaps more than any man of our time, to elevate Scottish Masonry to the position it holds at the present time. I personally have to thank you and the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for coming here to-day to my installation, and the Masons of the Province of Glasgow have also to thank you for your attendance. We duly appreciate the honour conferred on us, and we hope to show in return that we, Masons of Scotland, will always be true to the Grand Lodge, and that we will always support it, because we are sure that under the present guidance what it does will be right. We will do our best to support you in maintaining the position to which you have attained.

Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, who on rising to respond was received with loud cheering, said—I have often had occasion to return thanks for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and for my name being coupled with that toast. I certainly can truly say that I never heard it more heartily received than by the company here assembled. I must say that I was not quite prepared for the hearty cheers you gave, not that I doubted the kindness of the feelings of the Masons of Glasgow towards the Grand Lodge, and, allow me to say, towards myself. But we have been indulged with very peculiar weather in the West of Scotland for some days past. This afternoon, when I was waiting in what I suppose is called a room, but which I should say was a passage—I really began to wonder how we should get through the evening. The weather has been so extremely hot, but whether it is from the excellence of the entertainment we have received this evening, or from whatever cause, we have been all wonderfully resuscitated. I very heartily thank you for the kind and pleasant manner in which you have proposed the health of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has certainly come through some queer times, but it has weathered the storm, and I am happy to think is now in deep and smooth water. We have all our rigging taut and correct, we have good officers—and a right good crew, and have no fear for the future. I would even back the Grand Lodge against the Livadia. Having allowed that slip inadvertently, I am reminded that I have a double duty to perform, not only to thank you for the way in which you responded to the last toast, but to propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, our excellent friend Brother Pearce. I had the privilege of congratulating him in your Provincial Grand Lodge this forenoon upon his election. I congratulate the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow upon his appointment. Bro. Pearce is well known in Glasgow and its neighbourhood. We know with what energy and enterprise, with what industry and great ability he has conducted for several years one of the most important ship building firms of this country. And we as Masons know that he has paid great attention and devoted himself to the interests of the Craft. He has taken many high degrees in Masonry, and always on those occasions made a good appearance, and has shown that he possesses the qualities necessary to constitute a good, true, and accomplished Mason. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me, and to every member of the Grand Lodge, to be present at the installation of Brother Pearce to this high position. I venture to tell him that he will have no easy post to fill, inasmuch as there are many Lodges, and some strong Lodges, in his province; but I am certain that Brother Pearce will conduct himself as Provincial Grand Master in such a manner that he will retain your feelings of respect towards him. I do not wish to give him or you a lecture on Freemasonry. He knows how to acquire the duties of this important office, and I know that the members of all the Lodges in his province will do their best to support him and his officers in their work for the furtherance of the good of Freemasonry in this very large and important province of Glasgow.

The toast was drunk amidst loud cheers.

The Chairman, replied—As I have only been admitted a brother of the Provincial Grand Lodge a few hours ago, I feel somewhat out of place in taking upon myself to thank the brethren for drinking the toast so cordially as they have done. At the same time, I have been honoured with this post. I have undertaken this afternoon to carry out the Most Worshipful Grand Master's duties with regards to Masonry in the province of Glasgow. I cannot do it by myself, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge must assist me in doing it. We all know the great importance of this province of Glasgow. When I tell you that it embodies one-fifth of the Masons of Scotland you will understand the duties that I, together with the officers of the Grand Lodge, have undertaken. It will be no easy matter to visit some thirty Lodges within three months, to make oneself acquainted with the work of these Lodges, to see that nothing but true Masonry is worked in them, and that there is good feeling and good fellowship existing. After all, it is through true fellowship we get the kindly feelings that Masonry generates amongst us. I understand from our secretary that there are 10,000 Masons in Scotland, and you can realise what 10,000 men can accomplish going hand in hand together.

Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, in proposing the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire," said that the Lodge was notable in respect of its vast size, being composed of over forty Lodges, scattered over a wide area. It was also noticeable in respect that many of its Lodges were inseparably connected with perhaps the most celebrated man that ever wore the lambskin apron—the great national poet, Robert Burns. At the head of its roll stood the mother Lodge of Scotland—Mother Kilwinning, which had its origin in the mists of remote antiquity, which had a world-wide reputation, and which had formed the subject of interesting disquisition on the part of the learned men of many other countries besides Scotland. The offices of Master of Kilwinning Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire were invariably filled by the same person. Among the many distinguished men who had filled the joint offices, he was sure none would occupy a more distinguished position on its roll than the present Worshipful Master—Bro. Cochran-Patrick. He was a noticeable Mason in Scotland, and he was foremost amongst the Scotch archæologists of the present day. He (Bro. Duncan) was certain that whatever shade of politics they professed, they entertained a feeling of satisfaction at the result of the recent election in North Ayrshire.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. Cochran-Patrick, in replying, said—On behalf of the Mother Lodge of Scotland and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire I have to return you my very warm thanks for the cordial way in which this toast has been proposed and received. The event of to-day has given very complete satisfaction to all the brethren of the West of Scotland. We are all very much interested in the prosperity of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, which represents the most flourishing commercial community in the North of Britain, if not one of the most flourishing communities in the whole British Empire. We are all very glad to think that you have this day placed at your head a brother so well qualified in himself, and so intimately connected with one of the greatest commercial industries which have contributed to make this great city what it is. I say we all rejoice to think that you have put a brother so distinguished in these respects at the head of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. In the second place, we are glad to think that this auspicious event has been the cause of bringing amongst us to-day the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and especially the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who has done so much and so well for the Scottish Craft. I venture in all humility to think that if the Grand Lodge in its wisdom should think fit to come amongst the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland in every part of the country nothing would have a better effect in cementing that close relationship, that sympathy and that harmony, which it is so necessary to preserve in the Craft at the present time.

Bro. Colonel Neilson proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire." Having alluded to the kindly feelings which have always subsisted between the Lodges of Glasgow and those of Renfrewshire, he said that this feeling was greatly due to the fact that the Masons of the Province of Renfrew had been found true and faithful Freemasons. At any time when the honour of the Craft was threatened, or when any interference with the rights of Freemasons was made, the Provinces of Renfrewshire and Glasgow joined hand in hand to defy the enemy.

Bro. H. M. Shaw-Stewart responded. He regretted very much that the Provincial Grand Master for Renfrewshire East was not present that day, because it would have devolved upon him to return thanks for both provinces. As the representative of a comparatively small Lodge, he wished to express his sense of the honour he felt at having been present at the installation of the Grand Master of such an important and large province as that of Glasgow. He wished also to express his gratitude to the Provincial Grand Master for the hospitality he had shown. He wished him prosperity and every possible success in the new office which he would so worthily fill.

Bro. George Buchanan proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire," for which Bro. Hector F. M'Lean replied.

Brother F. A. Barrow proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodges of Dumbartonshire and Argyll and the Isles." He regretted the absence of Brother Smollett, the Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire. He had some good working Lodges in his province, and of late years they had been doing their work wonderfully. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles was, he might say, the Benjamin Lodge of Scotland. From the reports which had from time to time come before the Grand Lodge, he knew that the Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles had not been wanting in his duty. He had a very wide and extensive province to travel over, both by sea and land, and he found that he had a highly efficient working Grand Lodge. He had some most excellent office-bearers, and he had himself personally devoted a great amount of time to aid the working of the Lodge and to promote the interests of Freemasonry. Brother Charles Dalrymple, M.P., who was received with loud cheers, said he joined in the expression of regret that the Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire was not present. He was a friend of his own, he was an honourable gentleman, and there was not one who had done better in his day for Freemasonry. Bro. Barrow had spoken of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles as a Benjamin Lodge. All knew what he meant by that. He (Bro. Dalrymple) was somewhat inclined to demur to the title because the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles was only a Benjamin Lodge in its present shape. It was an old Lodge, which was revived in recent years, and he thought it was of the same standing, as some which were generally supposed to be older Lodges. It had been revived recently, after having been dormant for some time, and he was glad to think that there were some flourishing Lodges in

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the scattered province. It was not out of place in a Masonic gathering and it certainly was not out of place in the city of Glasgow, for him to tell them that he had to lament the death of his Deputy Master in the person of one who was well known in this great city and justly esteemed, he meant the late Bro. A. B. Stewart. He could never forget while life lasted Bro. Stewart's extreme liberality, his great cordiality and heartiness on behalf of any cause he took in hand, and the general kindness and good fellowship which characterised him on every occasion. Bro. Stewart was a young Mason, but he was an excellent friend to the Craft, and he could recall the gratification which was excited in the province when Bro. Stewart accepted the office of Deputy Master. He begged to thank them very heartily for coupling his name with the toast, and he joined those who preceded him in congratulating their host on the position he had attained that evening—a position in which he wished him all happiness.

Other toasts were afterwards given and responded to.

During the evening Brothers J. G. Sharp and Potts sang several songs.—*Glasgow News.*

INSTALLATION AT KELSO.

AN interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday, 1st inst., at Kelso in the installation of the Earl of Haddington as Provincial Grand Master of the newly-formed Provincial Grand Lodge of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire. The installation, which took place in the Lodge room of "Kelso" (No. 58), was performed by the Earl of Kintore, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, who had been specially appointed for the duty by Grand Lodge; it was taken part in by upwards of a hundred of the brethren from different parts of the country. The deputation from Grand Lodge which accompanied the Installing Master comprised Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, Rev. T. N. Wannop Grand Chaplain, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, William Hay Grand Architect, F. L. Law Grand Jeweller, John Learmonth Proxy Senior Warden No. 185, James Crichton Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards, Alexander Hay Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica, William M'Lean Proxy District Grand Master of Montreal, Alexander Henry Grand Steward, William Niven Past Master No. 97, F. W. Roberts R.W.M. No. 392, W. M. Bryce Grand Tyler, John Davidson Pr. M. No. 467, John Wilson R.W.M. No. 8, E. M. Sellingtin R.W.M. No. 36. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by Bro. James Crichton R.W.M. No. 1 Edinburgh (the Acting Wardens being Brothers William Hay, Past Senior Grand Deacon, and William M'Lean, Master of Lodge St John, Glasgow), the deputation from Grand Lodge was received in due form, and the Earl of Kintore assumed the chair. The commission of the Grand Lodge in favour of the Provincial Grand Master elect having been read, the acting Grand Master desired the Provincial Grand Master elect (the Earl of Haddington) to advance to the throne, when the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The charges were read by Grand Secretary, to which his Lordship signified his assent, and the Grand Master proceeded according to the usual forms, and administered the oath *de fideli*, concluding by investing the new Provincial Grand Master with the insignia of his high office. The acting Grand Master then briefly addressed the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren, expressing the pleasure he had experienced in being requested to come to this part of Scotland for the first time to take part in the interesting proceedings of the day. He congratulated the brethren of the Province upon having got a Master after their own heart, and one who would conscientiously, faithfully, and zealously perform the duties of the office to which he had been appointed, and which he would at no time look upon as a sinecure. The noble Lord alluded to the great progress that had been made in Masonry in the district, and congratulated Lord Haddington on having acceded to the request that he should rule over what he believed would soon be a very prosperous Province. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the hearty welcome he had received, and thanked the brethren present for assembling in such numbers on this occasion. They had no doubt come to do honour to their Acting Grand Master, Lord Kintore, but he might also take part of the compliment to himself. He was gratified that he had been requested, and that he had become Grand Master of the Province. He could assure the brethren that he would always endeavour to carry out the wishes expressed by the noble Lord, the Acting Grand Master, and to discharge faithfully and zealously, and with a high sense of their importance, the duties of the office he had that day undertaken. A grand banquet was afterwards held in the Town Hall. The town band was stationed in front of the hall, and played appropriate music during the evening. The chair was occupied by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Haddington, who was supported by the Earl of Kintore, Bros. the Rev. T. M. Wannop, Learmonth, M'Lean, D. Murray Lyon, Dr. Burton Depute Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and Robt. Swan, Kelso. The croupier was Bro. A. Bulman jun., R.W.M. No. 58. The proceedings were of a successful character. Brother W. Robertson, V.S. Kelso, responded for the navy, army, and reserve forces. The toast of "The newly-installed Prov. Grand Master" met with a most enthusiastic reception. The Grand Lodges was responded to by Dr. Burton for the English, and Lord Kintore for the Scotch Constitutions. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Province" was proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. N. Wannop, "The Clergy of all Denominations" by Brother William Robertson, and "The Visiting Brethren and Deputations" by Bro. Bulman jun. The proceedings terminated about seven o'clock.

Edinburgh Courant.

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CHIPS FROM A ROUGH ASHLAR.

By Bro. Josiah Given.

NATURE in her most generous mood has not been more liberal to man than in her inexhaustible supply of rocks from which the rough ashlars are taken, that enter so largely into man's most durable work. Whether it be in the deep-seamed canons of the mountains, or amid the rocky shores of ocean, lake, or river, or in the old village quarry, the wonder of our boyhood, we find rough ashlars on every hand, inviting the skill of the Operative Mason. Even out upon these beautiful prairies, Nature has scattered with lavish hand the granite boulders and jutting cliffs for our use. So upon the pleasant prairies and in the the broken places of human society, Speculative Masonry finds an abundant supply of rough ashlars inviting her skill.

In the quarries the Operative Mason inspects each proffered ashlar with critical eye, to see if it be flawed or seamed with any element of disintegration or decay. If found lacking in strength or durability, it is black-marked as unfit for the builder's use, and heaved over among the rubbish of the quarry; but if the elements of strength and durability are found, it is marked, accepted and approved, however rough, jagged and unseemly the external appearance may be. With gauge, compass, and square, the Operative Mason measures and lines the unsightly ashlar to the desired size and shape, and with gavel and chisel knocks off the rough corners and hews away the superfluous parts, and after days of patient toil we see the shapeless ashlar carved into that beautiful chapiter, may be, that surmounts yonder stately column. Thus inspected and approved, the ashlar is entered for use, squared and hewn into form, passed to more skilled workmen for further finish, and finally raised to its intended place, where, with plumb and level it is set in the cement that unites it to the common mass.

In Speculative Masonry each proffered ashlar is scanned with care, and if found veined or flawed with the disintegrating elements of Atheism, irreligion, or imbecility, they are black-marked as unfit for use. But however rough, jagged, or unseemly the proffered ashlar may be, if he possesses the strength, durability, and beauty of a firm and steadfast belief in God, an abiding love to man, and a desire for a useful, happy life, he is accepted and approved as fit for a place among Free and Accepted Masons. With gauge, compasses, and square, the measure and lines of propriety are marked, and with gavel and chisel he is divested of those rough jagged vices and superfluities that mar and hinder him from a useful life.

In the quarries of the mountain and cliff are found rough ashlars of various formations and colours—the fine-grained marble of many shades, the hard, fiery flint, the cold, sombre granite, and the warm, open, porous freestone—each finding a place in architecture, and contributing to those beautiful combinations of colour and durability so useful and admired.

In the quarries of Speculative Masonry we find a like variety. We, too, have the fine-grained marble ashlars admitting of highest polish, but requiring most tender touches in chipping away the superfluous pride and conceit. Also the angular sharp-pointed, flinty brother, emitting sparks of resentment at every rough touch, but a few timely strokes of the gavel knock off these testy, touchy points, and fits him for a place in Masonry. So, too, we have brethren of cold, grizzled, granite order, firm almost to obstinacy, and requiring many a sturdy stroke to divest them of the chips and spauls of avarice and selfishness. Most among the many are the warm, open-hearted generous brethren of the freestone order, from whom superfluities and vices are easily carved, but, when not at Labour, require the watchful care of the Junior Warden in the South. To blend these varieties into one harmonious whole, is the aim and pride of Freemasonry.

These good friends, noting the imperfections of the ashlars from the quarries of Speculative Masonry, may pronounce against the thoroughness of our inspections and skill of our workmanship. Friends go to the stately edifice that crowns yonder hill, and though erected under the supervision of most skilful men and the watchful eyes of a whole State, you may see that even now time is developing imperfections—only another evidence that imperfection marks and mars every human undertaking.

Why, our lady friends may ask, are we not accepted as ashlars, fit for a place in Speculative Masonry? Too fine, dear ladies—too fine-grained. Ashlars of pearl, Parian marble, rubies, and diamonds—*impossible*! Our work is to make more perfect the imperfect, not to paint colours in the rainbow nor add lustre to the glittering diamonds. Your warm sympathetic natures do not require to be taught the lessons of charity and love.

My Brother Ashlars, let us remember that with us it is but "high twelve" in the day of our Masonic labours; that it remains for each of us to diligently ply the tools of our profession, so that we may be finally accepted as perfect ashlars, fitted for that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."—*Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Iowa.*

The Freemasons belonging to the Parisian Lodge of "Labour and Constant Friendship" have just signed a curious petition to the Chamber, praying the Deputies to ordain that any person condemned three times for vagrancy or larceny be transported for life to one of the penitentiary colonies. The petitioners add that after a certain lapse of time those convicts whose conduct may be found satisfactory might be liberated, and favoured with the concession of a plot of ground in the colony, which they should, however, never be permitted to quit. Though the Freemasons hope by this means to rid the prisons in France of hardened malefactors, who contaminate those who might yet be reclaimed from vice, it must be confessed that they would, if no exceptions were made, deal most harshly with hundreds of poor vagabonds whose only sin is abject poverty.—*Standard.*

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

WE are not surprised that this Essex seaside resort should be one of the most popular of those situate within easy reach of the Metropolis. Many, of course, will pronounce it slow by comparison with Margate, or essentially unaristocratic by the side of Brighton. But for the quiet, unostentatious man of business—who is in search of a brief rest from the labours of his vocation, and who is anxious to obtain this rest at as moderate a cost as possible, in a locality where he will not only obtain fresh air, but gladden his eyes with pretty scenery—we know few places which are to be preferred to Southend. Its advantages are undoubtedly many. In the first place, it may be reached either by land or water in a short space of time, and for a few shillings only. It has grown amazingly of late years, and there are now rows upon rows of pretty residences, whose owners or occupants are willing to afford accommodation to visitors at reasonable charges. There is also good hotel accommodation to be had, where the bachelor or married man without encumbrances may disport himself most comfortably, and without being too heavily mulcted by the landlord. Then there are very many country walks, with pretty villages and hamlets scattered about to the rear, on either side of the town. Those who are partial to boat excursions, whether sailing or rowing, will have no difficulty in gratifying their desires, and, when the tide is favourable, it is possible to enjoy a good bath. In short, Southend has very few drawbacks and very many advantages, among the latter being two which certainly must not be lost sight of—namely, that looking seaward, there is always plenty to be seen. In the yachting season, the outlook is very lively, but on such a river as the Thames it will be admitted there is always plenty of traffic. Then within easy reach is Shoeburyness, the great practice ground for our Artillery, and where nearly all the year round something in the way of experiment or proof is being carried on at the butts. Hither, in the month of August, come our Artillery Volunteers for the purpose of competition in handling and firing field-guns and guns of position; and then, of course, the primitive—and, from a landscape point of view, the uninteresting—place is full of life and enjoyment. However, there is seldom a time when something of interest is not going forward, so that with the country behind it, Shoeburyness, and Sheerness on the opposite side of the estuary, the visitor should find no difficulty in enjoying himself according to his particular bent. It is only very recently that we renewed acquaintance with the locality, and we were pleased to find that though no interval had elapsed since our previous visit, there had been many improvements. It would be difficult, perhaps, to specify these improvements, as they contribute to the general effect and comfort without having anything specially noteworthy about them. One place, however, attracted our notice especially, and it is one we can confidently recommend to those of our readers who may have the intention of visiting Southend. This is "The Grotto by the Sea," 28 Marine Parade, of which Mr. W. H. Collier is the proprietor. It commands a full view of the sea and country. It is furnished with every comfort and convenience for visitors, and with comfort are combined those essential requisites of civility and economy, while the quality of everything that is supplied is guaranteed to be the best. Here, for a small charge, a man may take dinner or tea, or both, or a family party may similarly refresh themselves; while, as the dining saloons afford accommodation for upwards of three hundred persons at a time, it is one of the best places to resort to for boan-feasts or school-parties. We must remind our readers that the Grotto by the Sea makes no pretensions to be a first-class hotel or tavern. It is what it claims to be, a place to which all who seek to enjoy themselves without incurring heavy expense may resort, with the utmost confidence that Mr. Collier will carry out his part of the programme and treat them well and with civility. We may likewise draw attention to the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, kept by Bro. Ayling, where meets the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817. This, it must be remembered, is a high-class establishment, with every kind of accommodation to suit the most fastidious of tastes, and Brother Ayling lays himself out, worthy host that he is, to promote the comfort and convenience of all who favour him with their custom. The tariff of charges, too, is moderate, and whether it be wines or spirits, or a substantial, simple, or *recherché* repast that is needed, Bro. Ayling will be found equal to meeting all requirements, and at the briefest notice.

A MASON'S NOTES OF TRAVEL IN ASIA.

FROM THE LIBERAL FREEMASON.

WE arrived at Alexandria at night, and were obliged to land in small boats. Being turned over to the tender mercies of a crowd of New York hack-drivers is blissful quiet compared with what one has to undergo with a horde of Arab boatmen.

The city of Alexandria is a combination of Oriental and European buildings and people. The newer streets, paved with volcanic stone brought from Naples, could not be told from those of a prosperous French or Italian city, while the older parts of the town are quite Oriental in appearance.

There are five or six Masonic Lodges in Alexandria, and as many more in Cairo; but unfortunately there was no meeting during our stay in either city.

We drove about to the various points of interest, saw the column called Pompey's Pillar, and had a fine opportunity to carefully inspect Cleopatra's Needle, which is being made ready to be taken to New York. We have read of the efforts of some enthusiasts to connect this obelisk with Masonry in some way, but one must surely be gifted with a very vivid imagination to see any more evidence of Masonic significance in these hieroglyphics than in those to be found all through Egypt.

We went by rail from Alexandria to Cairo, which is probable the most interesting, and it is certainly the largest purely Oriental city in the world.

Every variety of costume that can be seen out of the Arctic regions may be found here. There is as much evidence of bustling active life here as may be found in the streets of Paris.

If one may judge from looks, the Egyptians are the happiest and most perfectly contented people to be found anywhere. They seem to have no care for anything; and men, women, and children may be seen lying down to sleep on the sides of the streets in the middle of the day, while the crowds of people with camels, donkeys, and horses rush by without seeming to disturb them in the least.

We saw the return of the Pilgrims from Mecca, and also the ceremony called the "Dossah," when the Chief Sheik of the returned Pilgrims rides on horseback over thousands of people who think they do God service by laying down for that purpose.

The one thing that was of more interest to us than all the rest, was the oldest and largest of all the Pyramids, which is situated on the edge of the Great Desert. It covers more than twelve acres of ground, and is nearly seven hundred feet in height. The blocks of stone of which it is built are some of them enormous, and they were all brought from a great distance. This is the oldest monument of skilful engineering in all the world. It was three thousand years old when King Solomon commenced to build the Temple of which we have been told so much. Standing on the top of this Pyramid as we did, on a beautiful clear day in February, the sight was one never to be forgotten. The air is so clear that we can see more than fifty miles in either direction. Looking across the valley of the Nile, covered with vegetation of varied hues, with here and there a village with many palm trees, and a broad, beautiful avenue of stately acacias leading to "Grand Cairo" with its domes and minarets, showing the location of the three hundred mosques within its walls, then looking up the Nile we see groves of palm trees dotting the verdant plains and stately Pyramids of Sakkarah, which seem close at hand, though they are more than fifteen miles away, and then with all this beauty fresh in your mind, you have but to turn around to see the most complete picture of desolation it is possible to imagine. As far as the eye can see, no sign of life of man or beast or vegetable, nothing but sand. No more striking contrast can possibly be imagined.

We went to the site of ancient Memphis, and saw the wonderful tomb-chambers of Sakkarah, the most perfect and beautiful of their kind of anything now in existence. The sail up the Nile was delightful, and one long to be remembered.

We also drove out to the site of Heliopolis, the ancient city in which the Chief Priest of On, the sun god, resided, and which was frequently called On, in consequence of this being the sacred city of the sun worshippers, much as Mecca is sacred to the Moslems.

All that now remains of the city that was so powerful in the time of the exodus of the children of Israel is an obelisk of red granite, covered with hieroglyphics, which is probably the oldest monument of its kind in existence.

On leaving Cairo we went by rail to Ismailya took a small steamer for a sail of fifty-six miles on the Suez Canal, landing at Port Said. And here we bade good-bye to this wonderful land, the land where the oldest civilization of which we have any knowledge originated.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge re-opened for the season, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C. There were present Bros. Goodenough W.M., Wright S.W., Bissett J.W., Hamer S.D. and Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, W. Baber I.G., and other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Parker acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and closed to first. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

Obituary.

On the 28th ult. was interred, at Norwood Cemetery, the remains of our respected and much lamented Brother C. Nash P.M. Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79. The funeral was conducted by Mr. Holden, of Greenwich, and was attended by numerous relatives and friends of the family, amongst whom were Messrs. W. Nash, G. Nash, W. Brownsfield, and Webber; Bro. W. Smith P.M. Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, Secretary Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, and Bro. F. Malyon, No. 97. Conspicuous amongst the brethren present, who met and joined the *cortège* at the gates of the cemetery, were Bros. H. Roberts, J. Peckham, W. Farnfield, and J. R. Dussee, Past Masters No. 79; C. Fowler S.W., G. B. Clifford J.D., G. Boncey, V. Orchard, I. Irwin, A. H. Satch, and E. Rishton, all of Lodge 79; J. J. West P.M. 548, and A. B. Church P.S.W. No. 147 and Treasurer No. 79. The obsequies being ended, and the mourners having moved from their positions, the brethren each placed a sprig of acacia on the coffin, and then regretfully retired.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, NewtonHeath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, White Swan, Coleman-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M. M. 139—Pannure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
158—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1189—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1329—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1708—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Windsledon
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Leicaton, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
674—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
793—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1092—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Rosear.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1474—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
R.A. 203—St. Joan of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
463—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1069—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

THURSDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
206—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Maclean, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Deliverance, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Helston-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
158—Ars and Cubier, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1067—Beamdesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1201—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1556—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levensholme

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1067—Loyalty,
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1556—Addiscombe, The Surrey Club, West Croydon

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ST. ANDREWS LODGE, No. 1817.

THIS Lodge, consecrated in Jdly 1879, by the R.W. P.G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., has been very successful during the first year of its existence, there having been fifteen candidates initiated, and it bids fair to be one of the largest Lodges in the province. Owing to the increase in the number of its members, additional accommodation has been provided at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, where the Annual Festival was held on Thursday, the 26th ult. The W.M., Bro. C. Eltham, who has recently had the office of Provincial Grand Pursuivant conferred upon him, opened the Lodge, assisted by his Officers, and after the usual routine business the chair was taken by Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Prov. G.D.C. who proceeded to instal Bro. G. J. Glasscock S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following Officers were invested, viz. :—Bro. J. M. Fair S.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chap. J.W., C. Eltham I.P.M. Treas., J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G.D.C. Secretary, S. M'Call Walker S.D., R. Green J.D., H. Church I.G., J. A. Wardell P.M. and P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. English and S. Turner Stewards, J. Whittingham Tyler. There were also present—Bros. R. Butcher, J. Ayling, T. C. Bertram, J. H. Cockburn, Floyd, and others. Visitors—Bros. J. Harrington Webb 160, J. Taylor 276, and S. Horton 1536. The P.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented to the I.P.M. Bro. C. Eltham a handsome P.M. jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren as a token of their appreciation of his services as first W.M. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. A. Lucking for the manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation. After the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, presided over by the W.M. The toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close. The following contributed to the harmony of the evening :—Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, C. Eltham, J. M. Fair, S. M'Call Walker and R. Green.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—We are requested by Bro. A. W. Fenner (the Hon. Sec.) to announce that this Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings this evening, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, at 8 p.m., when it is hoped the members will kindly give their support for the occasion, and attend in full force.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's "Liverpool Arms," Canning Town, on Tuesday. Bros. P.M. Cundick W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., W. J. Smith J.W., Pavitt I.G., Worsley Sec., also Bros. Loane, Brownsom, Forss, Watson, Hedges, &c. The Lodge opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Loane was presented, underwent examination, and the ceremony of installation was admirably rehearsed by Bro. Cundick. After Bro. Loane had been installed into the chair of K.S., the Lodge closed to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Brownsom as candidate ; the Deacon's work was undertaken by Bro. Forss. This being the first time Bro. Loane had worked a ceremony, having been initiated only ten months since, a unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony. The same brother then worked the first section of the lecture, while Bro. Worsley worked the second. Bro. Myers was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 26th August. Present :—Bros. W. Rickwood W.M., J. Green S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., Geflowski S.D., J. W. Woolmer J.D., Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary ; Bros. H. Stephens, Crook, J. J. Clarke, and Harwood 1056. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wells candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. gave the charge in a very able and impressive manner. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. J. J. Clarke candidate. Bro. Crook was elected a member, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at Bro. Longhurst's, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, on Monday last, at 8.30, present : Bro. Byng W.W., Forge S.W., W. Williams J.W., Call acting Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Gilham S.D., Simmonds J.D., Harris I.G., and twenty other brethren, several P.M.'s being amongst the number. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Installation was ably performed by Bro. Byng, Bro. Call acting as the W.M. elect. This highly successful Lodge meets with great support from brethren of the Craft ; four new members were elected at this meeting. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Bro. Byng for the excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Bro. Geo. Reeves Smith, whose energies brought the Royal Aquarium, Brighton, to its present perfection by the engagements of the most popular and celebrated artistes of the day, having resigned the management, has entered on a new career, by becoming the proprietor of Shoreham Gardens, lately in the occupation of Bro. Mellison. An entire change has taken place in the amusements, and there is a great reduction in the prices of refreshments. From the antecedents of Bro. Smith, good results to the public and success to the caterer may be anticipated.

JAMAICA.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 914, PORT ROYAL.

THE Annual Festival of the above Lodge took place on 3rd August, when the ordinary meeting was held, presided over by Wor. Bros. G. P. Myers I.P.M. (the Master had left for England), Lieut. W. Hastings S.W., W. D. Smedmore J.W. pro tem (the J.W. had left for England), and other Officers. This being the night of installation the following Officers were duly installed :—

Wor. Bro. Lieut. W. Hastings	W.M.
Bro. W. D. Smedmore	S.W.
Bro. J. Duffus	J.W.
Wor. Bro. L. C. Hollar P.M.	Secretary.
Wor. Bro. G. P. Myers P.M.	Treasurer.
Bro. J. Weinman	S.D.
Bro. J. C. Henriques	J.D.
Bro. F. W. Hollar	I.G.
Bro. G. G. Crosbie	Tyler.

The Installing Officer Wor. G. P. Myers was assisted by Wor. Bros. P. J. Ferron, H. Barned, D. Barned, J. C. Hollar, P.M.'s Phœnix ; R. Langley, G. Sargeant P.M.'s Royal ; A. W. Paine P.M. St. John's ; C. W. Tait P.M. Sussex ; S. H. Watson, J. K. Spicer, P.M.'s Glenlyon. The ceremony was well performed, Bro. Myers having had to rule for two years, and it is hoped that the present W.M. will be able to attend to the duties instead of relegating them to a P.M. After the ceremony the brethren repaired to banquet, where a few hours were spent. A steam launch took the brethren to the place of meeting, and returned at the small hours of the morning. There was a goodly attendance of brethren belonging to the Lodge and Sister Lodges, and several brethren of the Navy department. The D.P.G. Master Right Wor. Altamont De Cordova was unable to attend.

NEW ZEALAND.

Our Auckland correspondent sends us the following items :—

St. George, No. 1801 E.C.—At Dargaville, on Wednesday, 7th July, the brethren of Lodge St. George celebrated the second anniversary of the founding of their Lodge, as usual, by a ball and supper, and though the number of invitations issued did not exceed half the number issued last year, still the hall was comfortably full, there being about one hundred persons present, and if we may judge by the way all enjoyed themselves, the affair was a great success. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens, under the superintendence of Bro. E. Mitchelson, and the music, supper, and lighting were everything that could be desired. Indeed, the quantity of refreshments, &c., provided was such that there was so much left that the ball committee decided to give the school children a feast on the following day. Accordingly, the children of Dargaville and Mangaware townships were invited. Forty-nine of the former attended, but the Mangaware children, not being able to cross the river in consequence of the bad weather, requested that their share might be sent to them, with which request the committee complied, sending them several trays of cakes, which the youngsters thankfully received and thoroughly enjoyed.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 418 S.C.—At the regular meeting of the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C., at the conclusion of the ordinary business, a very interesting proceeding took place. It was the presentation of an elegant and elaborately worked Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. M. Hewson, immediate Past Master of the Lodge, by the brethren, as a token of their apppeciation of his services. There was a good attendance of members of the Lodge, and a number of visiting brethren from other Lodges and other Constitutions. The jewel is gold, and of elegant and elaborate workmanship, a credit to the establishment of Messrs. Kohn, of Queen Street. It is all of hand work. The clasps contain, in bold letters, the words "St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 418 S.C." Beneath this, on the groundwork of the square and compass, is a five pointed star, with an emerald in the centre (green being the colour of the Lodge). These designs are exquisitely chased. The jewel is enclosed by a pair of serpents, and in the centre is the square, compass, and segment. The work is beautifully artistic and truthful, and the ornament such as any Mason might feel proud to wear. The presentation was made by the R.W. Brother Ellison, on behalf of the Lodge, and gratefully acknowledged by Bro. Hewson. When the Lodge closed, the brethren and visitors re-assembled in the dining room of the hotel, and after disposing of the viands, a series of toasts were brought forward, and duly responded to.

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DRURY LANE.—At 7.30, A SERIOUS AFFAIR. At 8, THE WORLD.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, LEAP YEAR, and A WIDOW HUNT.

ADELPHI.—At 7.20, THE MAID OF CROISSEY. At 9, FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

GAIETY.—At 7.30, FEARFUL TRAGEDY IN SEVEN DIALS. At 8.30, THE MIGHTY DOLLAR.

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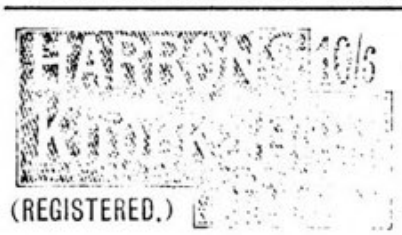
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of any one to outline for himself with accuracy the near future, he may nevertheless, by comparing circumstances one with another, hazard a tolerably shrewd guess as to whether the outlook is promising or the reverse. Nor is Freemasonry one of those societies in which the vicissitudes of fortune are either sudden or considerable; and as we have been fairly prosperous during the year which commenced in October last, so may we anticipate at least an equal measure of prosperity in the year that is about to commence. The work that has been done by our Lodges on behalf of our Institutions has been most praiseworthy. The very large number of brethren who gallantly undertook the somewhat thankless duties of Stewards proves incontestably that the support accorded to our Charities is spread over a wider area than it used to be, while the handsome totals realised at the three Festivals is proof, if proof were needed, that the distribution of support and patronage is not a source of weakness but of strength. This is a point that has often been urged by men of experience on the members of our Society, to whom it has been pointed out that the constant multiplication of modest donations and subscriptions would in the end prove more beneficial than the larger contributions of the limited few. In the year we are glancing at there was an aggregate of considerably over 800 Stewards to the Festivals of our three Institutions, which gives an average list of £50 per Steward. As there are probably not more than about from 1,200 to 1,300 Lodges in England, it will be seen from these few particulars that, speaking roughly, about two out of every three Lodges have contributed something towards the maintenance of our Schools and Benevolent Institution. This cannot be regarded as otherwise than satisfactory, showing, as it does, that the interest in these Charities is, as we have already suggested, more widespread than it used to be a few years back. This alone is matter for general congratulation.

Then, the work of Freemasonry in the Lodges has been pursued both evenly and successfully, if, at the same time, somewhat monotonously. There has been but a small increase in the number of our Lodges, and a considerable portion of those that have been warranted this year are located abroad. The slightness of the increase, however, if not a matter for congratulation, is at all events not seriously to be regretted. What is most wanted just now is consolidation, not extension, and our present efforts should be directed towards making our newest Lodges thoroughly effective rather than multiplying their number indefinitely. We have recently had an instance in the north of England that the future of a young and promising Lodge may be darkened because the members have made it their business to prefer their individual interests to the good of Freemasonry in general, and it has been reserved for a Lodge of less than six years' standing to win for itself the very questionable distinction of having, by a series of acts which are wholly blameable, brought more ridicule on Freemasonry in the course of a few days

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there are all kinds of patent stoves, varying in price from a few shillings to a few pounds, which the labour-saving housewife may command. Some of these are heated by gas, some by mineral and other oils, and it is with one kind of these latter that we purpose dealing in this article.

We must premise that what we are about to say of this particular oil stove is the result of actual and practical experience. Our knowledge is not derived from those who have heard of or seen them working, nor are we indebted to a variety of prospectuses for the estimation in which we hold it. We have made actual trial of its properties, and our readers are welcome to know all we can tell them of the result of such trial.

The chief merit of these stoves is undoubtedly that they involve no trouble whatever. If a kettle of hot water is wanted, the burner is lighted, and in due time the water is boiled. If a rasher of bacon or an egg is required, it can be cooked while the tea is drawing. Supplied with one of the smaller-sized stoves, a man in rooms or chambers would be independent of his landlady or laundress for his breakfast. All that is wanted is a fresh supply of oil from time to time, and he may daily prepare his own breakfast or tea, with no further trouble than is involved in filling his kettle with water and putting what food he may wish cooked into or upon the proper apparatus, in the saucepan or frying-pan, or on the gridiron. There is no objectionable smoke to encounter. He need have little fear of soiling his fingers in the course of his culinary operations, and after a few trials he will have no difficulty in cooking his food to a turn. The bachelor of simple wants, or even the benedict who is obliged to be up early of a morning and away betimes, will find that, without any previous course of study at a school of cookery, and with only a hint or two from his sister or his wife, he can prepare for himself a comfortable and sufficient breakfast without difficulty and in the briefest possible space of time.

The above remarks, of course, apply to the small stove, such as a bachelor would require on his breakfast-table or ready at hand at other times should he wish for a cup of tea or coffee with light refreshment. But there is the large stove, which answers at one and the same time all the purposes of a kitchen range, and cooks a joint of meat of several pounds weight, with two or three kinds of vegetables, and on the removal of the joint, will bake a pie or rice pudding, &c., &c., &c. This stove is fitted complete with oven, meat-tray, grid, stewpan, and steamer (or kettle), and costs £2 15s 6d, or with extras it will be somewhat over £3; and as the oil that is used in the preparation of a dinner is inexpensive, our readers will have little doubt about the economy of this Rippingille's Patent Stove. The remarks we have already made as to the absence of smell and smoke apply equally to the costliest as to the cheapest stove. Thus, in the summer and autumn, a fire in the kitchen is unnecessary when one of these stoves is at hand, while the trouble of cooking is even less than with the ordinary range, as there is no need for anything like that constant supervision which, in the usual culinary operations, is deemed indispensable.

We have chosen for special mention the smallest and the largest sizes of this Mineral Oil Stove. We may add that there are stoves of different gradations of size, and therefore of cost, between the two. One of the most popular of these is the A B C Breakfast Stove, though it may be made available for other purposes, and the A B C Dinner Stove, which, in all essential particulars, agrees with the large stoves already described, the price, however, is only £2 5s.

We have said that one description of this stove will be found serviceable by bachelors. Others of the intermediate stoves have been proved to be handy on board yachts, or by parties out picnicking or volunteering: the latter is appropriately called the "Canteen Stove," and the former the "Hurricane Stove." Indeed the stove, whatever size it may be, being portable, may be taken about as convenience may suggest, only of course it is better that it should be fitted for the special purpose for which it may be used than that one stove should be made to duty for all purposes.

We have completed our brief notice, but as yet we have only

MORE LITIGATION.

IT will not surprise those of our readers who have noted our reports of the proceedings during the last twelve or eighteen months of the Committees and Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to be told that it is, or shortly will be, engaged in a lawsuit with Bro. S. B. Wilson, the architect under whose direction the extension buildings at the School at Wood Green were some time since erected. The question to be determined is in respect of the professional charges of the latter, and while the action is pending both justice and etiquette require that we should abstain from offering any remarks which might be calculated to prejudice the interests of either side. Bro. Wilson's charges may be correct, the particulars he furnished may turn out to be sufficient or insufficient, but these are matters which it will come within the province of the jury to determine in accordance with the evidence; with these, therefore, we have no present concern. But we are not denied the privilege of criticising the circumstances which, after dragging their weary length over a period of about a year and a half, or it may be even longer, have landed the School and its architect in a course of litigation which, however it may result, cannot prove otherwise than expensive to both litigants.

Every one who possesses the slightest acquaintance with the law must be aware that even the victor in any action will have to pay the piper, though his expenses will necessarily prove less heavy than those of his opponent. When a plaintiff or defendant gets a verdict with costs, the general belief is that, having gained the day, the expenses he has incurred are reimbursed to him, but this is far from being the case. The term "costs" applies only to those incurred as between counsel and attorney, while the unfortunate victor has to pay those as between attorney and client. We can illustrate this by a recent case within our own knowledge, in which a gentleman had an action brought against him, and the judge's decision was adverse. Being not unnaturally dissatisfied with the result, he appealed to a higher Court, where the judges unanimously sustained his appeal, reversed the decision of the Court below, and gave judgment in his favour, with costs in both the actions. But notwithstanding his victory, he was between £50 and £60 out of pocket. The moral of this is, that law is a luxury which should be studiously avoided by all sober-minded people, and especially by those who can find a better use for their money than to put it into the pocket of an attorney. This view, however, appears to have made little or no impression on the minds of this Committee. As far as can be gathered from the brief reports which have appeared from time to time in our columns, Bro. Wilson has placed himself and his particulars as unreservedly as possible at the disposal of this Committee, and whatever may be the merits of the actual facts in dispute between them, he, at all events, is, in our judgment, absolved of all responsibility for its reference to a court of law. He has expressed himself as prepared to submit his case to arbitration, and even went so far as to name one of the most distinguished members of his profession—a gentleman whose sense of justice is above suspicion—as arbitrator. He has signified his willingness to furnish all the information it was in his power to give, and his representative wrote to that of the Committee with a view of making an appointment and coming to an amicable settlement. Indeed, Bro. Wilson appears to have exhibited even more than the proverbial patience of Job, and to have good-naturedly allowed himself to be bandied about from pillar to post, in the vain hope that the House Committee, being at length actuated by a sense of reason, as well as by a desire to avoid a trial and the attendant costs, would agree to accept his account. It is hard to see how Bro. Wilson could have done more than he has done in order to facilitate the determination of his difference with the House Committee.

We reiterate our intention of saying nothing at the present time about the justice or injustice of Bro. Wilson's charges, the sufficiency or insufficiency of his particulars. He has said—and we have no reason to question his statement—that the School was the gainer by the form in which they were presented. With this, of course, we have nothing to do. We wish, however, we could bring ourselves to believe, after a careful consideration of the preliminary circumstances, that the House Committee had acted in the same spirit as its opponent in the suit. We fear—indeed, we feel almost confident in saying—that the counsels of some litigiously-disposed members were allowed to prevail over the common sense and business judgment of the rest. We are prepared to have it retorted upon us that the House Committee would have settled the account long since had Bro. Wilson been willing to do certain things, but this will not absolve them from blame when we bear in mind it is on record that Bro. Wilson has throughout expressed his perfect willingness to do anything or everything in reason, and more than this even the House Committee of the Boys' School, with the Genius of Discord in its midst, has no right to expect. One word more, and we have done. Whatever may be the result of the dispute, a portion of the School funds must find its way into the pockets of an attorney, unless, indeed, the House Committee is prepared to defray its own charges. We hardly imagine this unpleasant little fact will commend itself very highly to those patrons and supporters of the School who subscribed so magnificent a sum as that realised at the Anniversary Festival of 1st July.

AFLOAT.

IF we inquire into the meaning of the word Afloat, it will be found to be of brief but clear definition, and descriptive also of a class of Masons who are "borne on the waters" of a changing and uncertain life. To be afloat signifies "borne on the water; floating, swimming, moving; passing from place to place, unfixed, moving without guide or control." To be afloat, in the sense of moving, or passing from place to place; or as unfixed, and moving without guide or control, presents a condition of things so repulsive to every thinking person, that the best shrink from it with loathing, while the vicious and the idle, and idleness is akin to vice, are alone in embracing it.

It needs no stretch of the imagination to see in the application of this term that the many thousands of unaffiliated Masons who contribute nothing to the support of Masonry, but expect so much from it, are afloat on the sea of uncertainty, mere wreckage, thrown from the stable body of the Craft.

We have heretofore alluded to the disastrous condition of things, too frequently caused by non-affiliates, and to it we not only invite, but urge, the best remedial judgment of the Fraternity.

In Massachusetts, for the year 1879, no less than 1,412 were set afloat, by reason of being "suspended from membership," "discharged from membership," and "dimitted." Of the latter it is to be presumed that a liberal per centage asked a dimit that they might affiliate in other Lodges. An analysis of the figures reported shows, that 862 Master Masons were qualified in that year to become members, but the number actually accepted was 1,122, an excess of 260, taken from those dimitted.

It further appears that 141 were reinstated, and these must have come from the suspended and discharged, which leaves a total of 1,011 floating Masons, moving without guide or control, and chargeable to what may be called the Masonic flotsam and jetsam of 1879.

To the loyal Craft of Massachusetts this represents an annual financial loss of 1,011 dolls., or a loss by commutation, at 10 dolls. each, of 10,110 dolls., and yet this is not the extent by any means if we estimate, as we honestly ought, the consequential losses.

To find the remedy is not the purpose of this article, but we have no doubt that a general one would have to be modified occasionally for local purposes.

If we go beyond the limits of Massachusetts, it appears that in Connecticut 391 Master Masons were made for the year ending 1st January 1880, and that during that term 370 were set off by the three causes named as operative in Massachusetts. Of these, 70 were admitted, 45 were reinstated, leaving 276 afloat, "changing and uncertain." In Mississippi for the same year the number of Master Masons made was 250, but the dimitted and suspended numbered 772; of these, however, 234 affiliated, and 164 were reinstated, thus reducing the number set afloat, in that term and state, to 374. These losses left the total membership in each state respectively at 25,505, 14,660 and 9,025.

The amount of misconception, misconstruction and consequent misunderstanding these figures numbering those afloat represent is really appalling; they suggest families deceived by their own; widows and orphans disappointed in consequence of husbands and fathers setting themselves afloat; the Craft burdened by unjust claims, and consequent unjust censure, the principles of the Society overridden by drones on land, and shirkers at sea, who have wilfully set themselves afloat, the flotsam and jetsam of a society that needs to enforce the justice of its claims against these wilful and negligent losses.—*The Liberal Freemason.*

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IF our grandfathers could but return for a brief season to the scene of their earthly cares, they would be surprised at the many ingenious contrivances which the skill of man has invented for the lessening of labour and trouble in almost every branch of duty, and especially those on the proper fulfilment of which so materially depends the comforts and convenience of domestic life. We do not say that comfort and convenience were unknown two generations ago. On the contrary, we often find ourselves disagreeing with people who never know how to exalt too highly the virtues of the present generation. Nevertheless there can be no doubt that the comforts of domestic life are greatly in advance of what they were some half a century ago, when the Charleys were the guardians of the public streets in night time, when gas for lighting purposes was but little used, and the museum of patents had not been enriched by the thousand and one appliances which are now in daily use in almost every decent household in the United Kingdom. We have vivid recollections in our school-boy days of the wonders of a certain batchelor's kettle, and the pride we experienced when, having purchased one of these out of our surplus pocket money, we found we could treat ourselves and chums to a dish of tea or cocoa of our own making. What ecstasies we should have fallen into had we been possessed of a patent frying-pan, warranted to prepare anything, at shortest notice, from a cake of toffy or a welsh rarebit to a rasher of bacon and chips, may be more easily imagined than described. But our astonishment would have known no bounds if we had ascertained that for a small outlay we could purchase an apparatus capable of preparing, without trouble and expeditiously, all the materials for a substantial tea or breakfast—we fear that a dinner would have been too serious an undertaking both as regards time and money. Yet now there are all kinds of patent stoves, varying in price from a few shillings to a few pounds, which the labour-saving housewife may command. Some of these are heated by gas, some by mineral and other oils, and it is with one kind of these latter that we purpose dealing in this article.

We must premise that what we are about to say of this particular oil stove is the result of actual and practical experience. Our knowledge is not derived from those who have heard of or seen them working, nor are we indebted to a variety of prospectuses for the estimation in which we hold it. We have made actual trial of its properties, and our readers are welcome to know all we can tell them of the result of such trial.

The chief merit of these stoves is undoubtedly that they involve no trouble whatever. If a kettle of hot water is wanted, the burner is lighted, and in due time the water is boiled. If a rasher of bacon or an egg is required, it can be cooked while the tea is drawing. Supplied with one of the smaller-sized stoves, a man in rooms or chambers would be independent of his landlady or laundress for his breakfast. All that is wanted is a fresh supply of oil from time to time, and he may daily prepare his own breakfast or tea, with no further trouble than is involved in filling his kettle with water and putting what food he may wish cooked into or upon the proper apparatus, in the saucepan or frying-pan, or on the gridiron. There is no objectionable smoke to encounter. He need have little fear of soiling his fingers in the course of his culinary operations, and after a few trials he will have no difficulty in cooking his food to a turn. The bachelor of simple wants, or even the benedict who is obliged to be up early of a morning and away betimes, will find that, without any previous course of study at a school of cookery, and with only a hint or two from his sister or his wife, he can prepare for himself a comfortable and sufficient breakfast without difficulty and in the briefest possible space of time.

The above remarks, of course, apply to the small stove, such as a bachelor would require on his breakfast-table or ready at hand at other times should he wish for a cup of tea or coffee with light refreshment. But there is the large stove, which answers at one and the same time all the purposes of a kitchen range, and cooks a joint of meat of several pounds weight, with two or three kinds of vegetables, and on the removal of the joint, will bake a pie or rice pudding, &c., &c., &c. This stove is fitted complete with oven, meat-tray, grid, stewpan, and steamer (or kettle), and costs £2 15s 6d, or with extras it will be somewhat over £3; and as the oil that is used in the preparation of a dinner is inexpensive, our readers will have little doubt about the economy of this Rippingille's Patent Stove. The remarks we have already made as to the absence of smell and smoke apply equally to the costliest as to the cheapest stove. Thus, in the summer and autumn, a fire in the kitchen is unnecessary when one of these stoves is at hand, while the trouble of cooking is even less than with the ordinary range, as there is no need for anything like that constant supervision which, in the usual culinary operations, is deemed indispensable.

We have chosen for special mention the smallest and the largest sizes of this Mineral Oil Stove. We may add that there are stoves of different gradations of size, and therefore of cost, between the two. One of the most popular of these is the A B C Breakfast Stove, though it may be made available for other purposes, and the A B C Dinner Stove, which, in all essential particulars, agrees with the large stoves already described, the price, however, is only £2 5s.

We have said that one description of this stove will be found serviceable by bachelors. Others of the intermediate stoves have been proved to be handy on board yachts, or by parties out picnicking or volunteering: the latter is appropriately called the "Canteen Stove," and the former the "Hurricane Stove." Indeed the stove, whatever size it may be, being portable, may be taken about as convenience may suggest, only of course it is better that it should be fitted for the special purpose for which it may be used than that one stove should be made to duty for all purposes.

We have completed our brief notice, but as yet we have only spoken of the stoves as "Rippingille's Portable Mineral Oil Cooking Stoves and Kitcheners." One further piece of information is indispensable, or our readers will be at a loss to know where to procure these most serviceable of domestic utensils. Well, the sole manufacturers are the Albion Lamp Company, 118 Holborn, E.C., where the fullest particulars as to price, fittings, &c., &c., will be furnished. The Company, indeed, is located close by where the statue of the late Prince Consort faces the Holborn Viaduct, and is easily accessible from all parts of the Metropolis. We should advise any of our readers who may be desirous of possessing one of these stoves to pay the Albion Lamp Company's premises a visit, if only for the purpose of inspection. We are sure they will be well satisfied with what they see.

IS FREEMASONRY PERFORMING HER MISSION.

THE question at the head of this article is one of paramount importance to the Craft. It is one that should be made a subject of special legislation in every Lodge-room in the country. We are perfectly willing to admit that on great occasions and special exigencies, the wondrous vitality of Freemasonry is exhibited by the liberal manner in which she showers her offerings into the cup of misery and despair. We desire, however, to see something more than these spasmodic efforts. The clear, crystal waters of Masonic charity should flow in their rippling course as from a perennial spring, enriching her barren soil of poverty, and watering her parched sands of misery and distress. Does Freemasonry do so? Is Freemasonry today performing her holy mission?

We take up the reports of Grand Lodges, and what do we find? Extravagance and wanton waste in high places, niggardly charity and plenty of rhetorical display. We turn to the Masonic periodicals of the day and what do we read? Do we find their columns replete with the generous deeds and noble acts of individual Masons, or the liberal donations and timely assistance of Masonic bodies to their poor and impoverished brethren, their weeping widows, and starving orphans? No. We will tell you what you will find: glowing accounts of Knight Templar parades, &c., &c., rite banquets, "hifalutin" speeches of men, rejoicing in high sounding, farcical titles, and ancient Craft Masonry is kept in the back ground.

The Masonry of this continent has gone mad after high degreeism and grand titleism.

We tell the brethren, that if they do not pay more attention to the pure, simple, beautiful symbolism of Lodge, and less to the tinsel, furbelow, fuss and feathers of Scotch Ritism and Templarism, the Craft will yet be shaken to its very foundations. Scotch Ritism "founded on Masonic forgery," and only kept alive by proselyting missionaries, is a mere mushroom of the hour, and should never be compared to the pure, holy Freemasonry, which was handed down to us from the Dark Ages, and systematized in 1717. All other so-called branches of Freemasonry are very pretty offshoots, but they are only offshoots of the parent stem—engrafted branches on the oak, beautiful with leaf and fragrant with flower, but bearing no fruit. What we desire is—to see that Freemasonry which our fathers and forefathers loved kept pure and spotless, and rendered holy by generous deeds and noble actions.

Lodges, too, at the present day are too devoted to work and ritualism. Many brethren seem to think that as long as there is plenty of work in the Lodge that is all that is required. This anxiety to manufacture Masons is a terrible mistake. We have too many in our ranks now. The duty of the Brotherhood is to make the Lodge room a home, to make the members brethren in act, as well as in name; to make each brother the missionary of truth and honour, and the harbinger of goodness, and rendering generous aid to those in sorrow sickness, misery and distress. If Lodges do this, brethren would not run mad after spurious degrees and absurb and nonsensical titles, as is now the case.

What do the brethren mean when they say: "Oh! Bro. So and So is a very high Mason?" High Mason, indeed, because forsooth he has a long purse, and consequently has taken an innumerable number of so-called grades and degrees, and wears stars and ribbons upon his breast! Why, perchance he has never presided over a Lodge or occupied the East in any Masonic body, yet brethren speak of such an one, because he writes his Sir Knight before his name, and on dress parade, in his cocked hat, with sword and baldric, looks a very handsome fellow, or has the mystic number "32" after his name, or even perchance "33," if he has the money to run over to Spain to get it with the consent of the Supreme Grand Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S., we repeat, because of these things, he is called a "very high Mason." What a farce! What a burlesque on our glorious brotherhood!!

The Freemasonry of the nineteenth century has a holy glorious, God-inspiring mission to perform. In our ranks are thousands of widows burning the midnight oil with heated brows and aching hearts. There are thousands of starving Masonic orphans running wild in New York and our large cities, learning to curse and swear, and lie and steal, and there are numbers among us sinking into idolatry, despair and ruin, through the love of strong drink. There are many of us ruined seeking solace in the gambler's hell. There are some of our daughters, once beloved and admired, who have fallen before the false smile and guilded words of her accursed, and doubly accursed, seducer. Has Freemasonry, then, no better mission to perform than teach her votaries a love of titles, display, parade, banquet, and regalia? Surely the holy mission of the Craft is to stretch forth her hand to aid and succour, protect and save. Let the tocsin be sounded, and let the Craftsmen come forward and purge our society of its false glitter and flimsy tinsel, and gild it with the pure gold of Masonic truth, Masonic honour, and Masonic charity. Then, and then only, will Freemasonry have performed her holy mission.—*Corner Stone.*

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

(Continued from page 164.)

We left off last week with the Lodge just settling down in its newly-chosen quarters, the Albion, Aldersgate Street, where it still continues to meet after an almost undeviatingly-successful course of twenty years. The move was made in the year 1860, when Bro. John Laver, still happily a respected member of the Lodge, was the W. Master, there being also three other brethren, who were then as now members, namely, Bros Drysdale and Greenwood, both Past Masters at that time, and the latter Treasurer, and Bro. Parsons, also now an honoured P.M. At the first meeting held under the hospitable roof of the Albion, notice of motion was given by Bro. Kincaid to the effect that "a brother going abroad, and giving notice thereof," might "remain a member by paying a guinea a year during his absence, instead of the usual subscription, the first payment to be paid in advance." When this motion came on for discussion in due course at the next meeting in November, an amendment was proposed and seconded by Bros. Playford P.M. and Jones P.M. respectively, which so far altered the original resolution as to make it include as well brethren who lived at a distance of fifty miles from the place of meeting as those who were going abroad. Moreover, it made the act of grace depend on the approval of the officers of the Lodge, and further ordered that whenever any such brother should attend the Lodge he was to pay the visiting fee. The amendment, and original resolution having been submitted, the former was declared carried by a large majority. The same evening it was announced that the Bye Laws were out of print, and the Secretary was accordingly instructed to search the minutes with a view to discovering what, if any, additions had been made, before orders were given for a reprint to be issued. In January 1861 Bro. C. T. Manley was unanimously chosen W. Master for the year, while Bros. Greenwood and Speight were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Subsequently, a motion was made and carried, to the effect that the sum of one guinea should be subscribed towards the Henley testimonial. Nothing, however is said as to the nature of this testimonial, which may have been intended for presentation to a Bro. Henley, or to go towards the purchase of a piece of plate to be rowed at the Royal Henley Regatta. At the installation meeting in February there was a muster of between twenty and thirty members and visitors, who attended to witness the induction of Bro. Manley into the chair of K.S. But previous to this a ballot was taken, as usual, on the motion that the customary P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Laver, the retiring Master, in recognition of the services he had rendered during his term of office. The Audit Committee's report was also submitted and accepted, its tenour being less satisfactory than in previous years. Not only was there a small balance of some shillings due to the Treasurer, but there was a House Bill and Grand Lodge dues outstanding to the amount of about £21 13s, while the arrears of subscriptions due reached only £16. The deficit was, however, explained by the extraordinary expenses incurred during the year in respect of the repair and removal of furniture, new collars, repair of jewels, &c.; and but for this undue expenditure there would have been a trifling balance due to the Lodge. The furniture and effects of the Lodge were also certified correct, with the exception of four Masonic glasses missing. The ceremony of installing Bro. Manley was then proceeded with, and the Officers having been appointed and invested, the banquet followed, the last business of the evening being the presentation to Bro. Laver I.P.M. of the Past Master's jewel voted him unanimously in the earlier hours of the meeting. At the March meeting Bro. Playford gave notice of a motion for the addition to the third Bye-law of a clause requiring that whenever any member should propose a candidate for initiation he should deposit the sum of one guinea in part payment of the fee, the same to be returned in the event of the candidate being rejected. This motion was unanimously agreed to at the next meeting, on which occasion also it is recorded that, as several brethren were in arrear with their subscriptions, the Secretary was directed to write to them requesting payment, "in order that the Treasurer might be enabled to discharge the debts due by the Lodge." In November effect was for the first time given to the resolution of the preceding November, and on the motion of Bro. Kincaid, seconded by Bro. Kemp, Bros. Woodgates, Tracy, and Crawford were "placed on the absent list," the condition being the payment of one guinea in advance in February 1862, and of the visiting fee whenever they should attend the Lodge. In December Bro. Alfred Best, the present worthy proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, having been duly balloted for and elected, was formally initiated into the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry. In January 1862, Bro. Harper was unanimously elected, and in the following year regularly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The Audit Committee's report for the then past year was somewhat more satisfactory. There was a balance of a few shillings in the Treasurer's hands instead of due to him, and the outstanding liabilities were about £12 19s, as against £21 13s at the previous audit, and it was estimated that the subscriptions outstanding were sufficient to cover the bills outstanding. This and the fact of the Lodge paraphernalia being in good order seems to have induced the Committee "to congratulate their brethren on the improved position and prospects of the Lodge." Bro. Best was passed to the second degree at this meeting, and the customary Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Manley I.P.M., subject, of course, to the requisite ballot at the next meeting, which, it is almost needless to say, was unanimously in favour of the motion; and Bro. Manley received in due course the just recognition of his services in the chair during the year 1861. On 11th March, Bro. Best was raised to the third degree. At the November meeting no less than four new members were proposed for initiation, and it was resolved, possibly in order to celebrate so agreeable an episode, that the brethren should dine together at the next meeting in December. Be it added that the four candidates were unanimously accepted, and two of them being present were forthwith initiated into Freemasonry. In January 1863, Bro. Kemp was elected W. Master for the year, and after the re-election of Bro. Greenwood as Treasurer had taken place, a resolution was proposed by Bro. C. T. Manley, seconded by Bro. Kemp, and unanimously agreed to, "That the thanks of the brethren of the Lodge are due, and are hereby given to, Bro. Greenwood P.M., for the great attention at all times given by him to the accounts of the Lodge itself as Treasurer. No one who has followed us through this history, but will deny this was a well-merited compliment. As to the Report of the Audit Committee, which was prepared on the 3rd February, and follows the record of the above resolution, it seems difficult to say whether it forms part of the minutes of the election or installation meeting. The former would appear to be impossible, for though time flies too fast in the estimation of many, the brethren of the St. Michael's are hardly likely, just for the convenience of the moment, to have jumped suddenly from the 13th of January to the 3rd of February. We take it, therefore, that the entry of the Report is intended to belong to the February's minutes. However this may be, it is satisfactory to be told that the Lodge Funds were "in a more satisfactory state than at the last audit," and that there were no outstanding debts. What is better still, the balance in the Treasurer's hands is described as amounting to £5 4s 3d. Among the visitors at the installation of Bro. Kemp as W. Master will be found the name of the late Bro. S. B. Wilson, with the letters "P.J.G.D." attached to it, Bro. Wilson having himself filled the chair of Master two years running in this Lodge. Therefore, though he was a visitor, he was very far from being a stranger. Moreover, he took a leading part in the programme, and acted as Installing Officer on the occasion. The usual P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Harper I.P.M., and then the Lodge adjourned to the Friday following the usual Wednesday, as the latter was the date set apart for the marriage of the Prince of Wales with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark. At the meeting in April it was agreed "That a banquet be given during the summer, and that the time and place be appointed by the Worshipful Master." In the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 1863 is an entry recording a most appropriate and well-merited tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. Kincaid Past Master and Secretary, who on the interim between April and October had passed away. Bro. Kincaid had rendered most valuable services to the Lodge. He was Worshipful Master in 1837. We find him filling the responsible office of Treasurer in the years 1840, 1, 2, 3, 4. He was for the second time chosen to fill the chair as Master for the year 1845, and after his installation it was unanimously agreed to present him with a jewel in recognition of his services during the five preceding years, but at his "own request the proposition was withdrawn, and a vote o thanks was substituted." In 1846 he resumed his old office of Treasurer till January 1848, when he was a third time elected Worshipful Master, and the year following, after a motion had been agreed to, by which the office of Secretary was made a permanent one, he was appointed to the Secretaryship, and held it at the time of his death. Thus this worthy brother had held high office as well as taken a leading part in all the business of the Lodge from the year 1840 inclusive—that is, for some four-and-twenty years, to say nothing of the minor duties he had filled in the earlier part of his career, and his first Worshipful Mastership in 1837. No wonder, then, that we read the following simple but eloquent minute to his memory:—

"The Lodge having, since the last meeting, lost the services by death of Bro. Kincaid P.M. Secretary—

"It was resolved—That it is with deep regret the brethren express their sorrow at the loss sustained by the death of our lamented Brother Kincaid P.M. and Secretary, but with an humble hope that he has been translated to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect rules and reigns for ever."

At the November meeting we find an entry to the effect that, "Mr. Charles L. Hulbert, approved as a candidate for initiation by ballot on the 9th December last, being in attendance, was prepared, introduced, and regularly initiated into Freemasonry." So long a delay between election and initiation is most unusual, and does not say much for Bro. Hulbert's appreciation of the compliment paid him by the Lodge. It is quite possible, however, that he could offer a satisfactory explanation of the circumstances which led to it. It was afterwards agreed to refer the revision of the Bye-laws and the appointment of a Secretary in place of the late Bro. Kincaid to a Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master and Bros. Drysdale P.M., Greenwood P.M. and Treasurer, Jones P.M., Manley P.M., and Dobree. At the meeting in January 1864, Bro. Drysdale, who had already once filled the office of Worshipful Master—namely, in the year 1849—was elected for another term, and was installed accordingly at the following meeting. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted, subject, of course, to the usual ballot, to the retiring Master, but, strange to say, there is no entry of any Audit Committee's report having been submitted, in accordance with custom, at this meeting. Among the visitors at the March meeting we find entered the name of Bro. Patten P.G.S.B. and Secretary of the Girls' School. On this occasion Bro. Kemp received his Past Master's jewel, which was presented to him by the Worshipful Master in an appropriate address, and suitably acknowledged. In November the business seems to have been of an unusually protracted character, so much so, indeed, that in the case of a Bro. Erlandsen, who had undergone the preliminary examination and retired, with a view of being raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony was postponed to a more favourable occasion. In January 1865, Bro. W. L. Manley P.M. was again elected W.M., and installed at the usual meeting the following month, Bro. Biggs being for the third year running appointed to the Senior Warden's chair. The Audit Committee's report was submitted and approved, there being a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £15 18s 4d. At the meeting in April it is

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on record that a sum of £5 5s was voted to the Royal Freemasons' Girls' School. At the November meeting only Bros. Drysdale W.M., Jones P.M. as S.W., Dobree J.W., and Reynell were present. On the 23rd of the same month an emergency meeting was held for the purpose of raising Bro. Erlandsen to the third degree, there being every probability that the said brother, who, it will be remembered, had had his raising deferred owing to the pressure of business, would leave for Norway before the next regular meeting, and Bro. Erlandsen was raised accordingly. In January 1866 Bro. Dobree, the Junior Warden, was unanimously elected to fill the chair of the Lodge for the year; he was solemnly inducted into the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient custom, at the meeting in February, in the presence of close on thirty members and visitors. The Audit Committee's report was again satisfactory, there being, after the liquidation of all claims, a balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounting to £10 12s 4d. On this occasion a resolution was agreed to—"That the Charity Box be sent round after each Banquet." It should also be added that Bro. Parsons was appointed by Bro. Dobree to the Senior Warden's chair. At the meeting on the 10th April Bro. Thomas Howard Lavers was elected and initiated into Freemasonry; on the 9th of October he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and on the 13th of November he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On the latter occasion three gentlemen were elected and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, while Bro. Wilden, of the High Cross Lodge, Tottenham, who is still one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, was proposed as a joining member. The last entry in this, the third Minute-Book, we have had the satisfaction of describing, is the minute relating to the meeting in November 1866, and here, therefore, it is our duty to break off for the present.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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A MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR BROTHER EDITOR,—Can you explain how it is that Masonic critics, when indulging in the truly British weakness of "writing to the papers," are so apt to lose their tempers, become vicious in their tone, and, mistaking abuse for wit, render their communications obnoxious and unsavoury to their reading brethren? There must be both reason and remedy for this state of things, and the sooner we discover the one, and apply the other, the better and pleasanter it will be for all of us.

An instance in point is to be found in the letter of "H." under the above heading in your issue of Saturday last, who, in objecting to the so-called "High Grades" or "Christian Degrees," or whatever in the name of wonder their promoters choose to call them, goes out of his way, at considerable labour and pains to himself, to throw mud at those brethren who have sufficient money and leisure to amuse themselves with various "Rites," to many of which they have given high sounding titles. There can be no possible objection to "H." expressing his opinions on the subject, and his own illustration of the blacksmith and his little wife will cut both ways, for I do not suppose any of the "systems" upon which he pours contempt will be either better or worse for his approval or the reverse. But I would ask such critics to refrain from giving offence without occasion. It seems that some foolish remarks in the daily press have given umbrage to "H." I should have thought that the very style of those remarks would have revealed to "H." the fact that they were not penned by Masons, or at least by Masons who knew the A B C of the Fraternity, and that, therefore, it would be unjust to upbraid any section of brethren because of their appearance.

Then your correspondent gives us what he says is a sketch of some grade called the *Knights of the Mystic Square Circle*. I have looked through the lexicons of Bros. Kenning, Mackenzie, and Mackey, but though I find many extraordinary rites named and described, I fail to find the one in question. I have myself a very large collection of rituals, both obsolete and in present working, but have nothing at all like that described by "H.," and I should esteem it a great favour if he will permit me to take a copy to add to my collection.

Outsiders, men who have not the privilege of ranking under the banners of our venerable Craft, sometimes abuse Freemasonry and apply to it all the coarse terms which your correspondent has done to the "High Grades." I understand that a person called Butler has been doing this in the pages of *Good Words*, but I am not aware that such a style of writing either does credit to the writer or harm to Freemasonry. Masons simply pity the bad taste and ignorance of the writers, and so, in the present instance, I am afraid there is nothing for it but to express compassion for the lack of good breeding and absence of knowledge displayed by your correspondent.

In conclusion, I would suggest to "H." that in future he should, when quoting for his own purposes, refrain from garbling the Constitutions. The Constitution which he only partly quotes is really the preamble to the Code of Constitutions, and is the *second* of the "Articles of Union" of the two Grand Lodges of England, agreed to on the 1st December 1813. This Article, when quoted in its entirety, is as follows:—

"2. It is declared and pronounced that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. But this Article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the Constitutions of the said Orders."

It may, perhaps, be news to "H." that some of the Rites which he regards as "spurious" were in full working order for half a century before the "Constitutions" drawn up at the Union were known, and were plainly acknowledged by the United Grand Lodge of England in the above manner.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

THE LATE MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen in the columns of your contemporary a letter from Bro. Tudor Trevor, one of the defendants in the late Masonic trial at Leeds, in which he invites the Craft to assist him in defraying the heavy costs, about £150, he has to pay in connection with this unfortunate piece of litigation. Now I have no sympathy whatever with either party to the suit, and I certainly have no wish to stand between Bro. Trevor and those who may feel inclined to do him a service. It is also not improbable there is a good deal yet to be said on both sides before the public will be in a position to judge rightly of the merits of the dispute. But though, after the prominent part he took in the objectionable squabble, it was hardly possible for Bro. Trevor to have escaped being made a party to the suit, the fraternity have a right to be assured that he at all events is blameless as regards the earlier stages of the difference.

If I assume, for the sake of argument, that Bro. Voigt and his friends did blackball Messrs. Tew and Casson, and did boast of having done so in the hat and cloak room adjoining, as stated by Bro. Wells in his letter which appeared last week; and if I further assume that they did, as stated by the same brother, on the very next opportunity blackball some "joining brethren, one of whom was a P.M. (twice) and P.P.G. Officer," these assumptions, supposing them to be true, put Bro. Voigt and his friends in a worse light than any in which they have as yet appeared. But do they put Bro. Trevor and those who acted with him in any better? It was, to say the least, the height of bad taste on the part of Bros. Voigt & Co. to disclose the manner in which they voted, and to threaten to repeat their conduct on future occasions. The disclosure, however, was made, not in open Lodge, but in ordinary conversation in an ante-room, and I fail to see how any one of those present when it was made could justifiably take cognisance of it and use it as a peg on which to hang a motion for exclusion from the Lodge. I quite allow it was an indecent, as well as a stupid, thing for Bros. Voigt & Co. to have said anything as to the manner in which they had voted, but what they said in the confidence of personal conversation should not have been used against them. But assuming, I say, that what these brethren did was unmasonic, is Bro. Tudor himself blameless, seeing that he had made for him almost the earliest possible opportunity for launching an hostile motion at the heads of those between whom and himself there would seem to have been irreconcilable differences? The blackballing of Messrs. Tew and Casson is said to have taken place at an emergency meeting held on the 10th January 1877. According to Bro. Wells, Bro. Voigt and his friends followed up the new system then inaugurated by blackballing, "on the next opportunity," certain brethren proposed as joining members. This must have been on the 17th of the same month, as the regular Lodge meetings are held on the third Wednesday, and within five days Bro. Trevor must have formulated his motion for exclusion, and asked and obtained the W.M.'s permission to bring it forward at an emergency meeting on the 29th. All this haste seems inexplicable, except on the theory that Bro. Trevor and his friends were desirous of getting rid of Bro. Voigt and his friends without giving the Lodge time to fully and impartially consider the pros and cons of the matter in dispute. Clearly the Alexandra Lodge was about this time divided against itself, and a strong feeling of exasperation animated the opposing parties, a feeling which neither the "system" of Bro. Voigt nor the policy of Bro. Trevor was in the slightest degree calculated to allay. I trust, therefore, the fraternity will await those further explanations which seem so necessary towards forming a correct judgment of all the circumstances ere they resolve on assisting Bro. Trevor out of difficulties which from the disclosures thus far made he seems in some measure to have brought upon himself. Bro. Trevor may rest assured that if he emerges from any further inquiry with flying colours, the delay will only intensify the sympathy which many already feel for him.

One other matter seems to call for explanation. Bro. Wells stated in his letter last week that when Bro. Casson had been blackballed, "it was suggested that Mr. Tew's name should be withdrawn; his proposer, however, declined to accede to this course, and the result was the same as in Mr. Casson's case." Did the failure of Mr. Casson, who had not, that I am aware of, been balloted for and elected at a meeting in 1875, augur so well for the success of Mr. Tew, who had, but had never reciprocated the compliment paid him by the Lodge by taking up his membership, that the latter's proposer was so sanguine of success? Or was he actuated by any other motive less apparent or excusable?

All the difficulties and doubts which can possibly arise in connection with this most unseemly exhibition are most likely to be set at rest by adopting the course which you, Sir, have suggested, that is, by referring the dispute to the Board of General Purposes, to be dealt with, on the recommendation of that body, by Grand Lodge. Of course it will be painful for the Alexandra Lodge to have the old sore

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opened afresh, but it is better a single Lodge should be put to some shame than that the interests of the whole Craft should suffer.

I remain,

Truly and faithfully yours,

A LOOKER-ON.

[Our correspondent, who takes a deep interest in all that relates to Freemasonry, has assured us personally that he has written the above letter in no spirit of animosity to Bro. Trevor. Bro. Trevor, he points out, has done good service to the Craft, and he suggests there is no doubt that, whatever the upshot of the unfortunate squabble may be, the brethren chiefly concerned have shown no other care than to promote the welfare of Freemasonry—excepting, of course, in the particular matter which has led to this difference. "A LOOKER-ON" expresses his belief that his letter may seem somewhat ungracious, but he thinks it would be far better if his brethren sympathised with Bro. Trevor after rather than before inquiry.—ED. F.C.]

THE UN-MASONIC TRIAL.

BRO. VOIGT *versus* BROS. CARR, TREVOR AND LAKING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have only this afternoon seen your article on "The Sacredness of the Ballot," and the letters from "SPONTE SUA," P.M. Bro. B. L. Wells, and Bro. Laking, in your issues of 21st August, 28th August, and 4th September respectively. I am glad you recognise Bro. Wells' letter as a "very manly and straightforward one," for his very clear and explicit statement, supported by Bro. Laking's brief but pointed official communication, leaves me, happily, but little to add concerning the matter under discussion.

As, however, after accepting Bro. Wells' lucid explanation, which seems to have satisfied you that the plaintiff in the above action was not "as free from blame as he seemed to be on reading the early version of the circumstances," you have made an unfavourable personal allusion to me, I ask the favour of a brief word in reply.

When I reflect that throughout these unpleasant proceedings I received the hearty support of the members of Lodge Alexandra, and that our conjoint act in upholding the honour of our sublime system of MORALITY was confirmed by the highest Masonic authority of the Province, I feel that I am undeserving of your strictures, which have been doubtless founded on a misapprehension, or in ignorance of the real facts of the case.

But whatever opinions you may entertain, I cannot think you wish to uphold the plaintiff in bringing this action, or to say that I deserve to be left to pay out of my own pocket the very heavy expenses (£150 at least) which my defence of it has put me to!

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR P.M., P.Z., &c. &c.

120 Highgate, Kendal, 8th September 1880.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take this opportunity of warning the almoners of Lodges and other members of the Craft against one F. T——, of "Loyal Victoria" Lodge, No. 557, Callington, Cornwall, who by misrepresentation obtained money from me. He was in the neighbourhood of Havant on Friday, 3rd Sept., but I do not know whether he went West towards Southampton, North towards Guildford, or East towards Brighton. He is about forty-five years of age, 5ft. 7in. in height, dark complexion, with black whiskers, beard and moustache, and is dressed like a mechanic. He carries a basket, and states he is a plumber and painter.

His certificate is dated about 20 years back, and has one or two endorsements on it. It is much the worse for wear.

Yours fraternally,

SECRETARY 804.

Havant, 8th September 1880.

AN EXCURSION TO THE PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An excursion to the Midlands is so rare a pleasure with me, that I trust you will find space for a short letter recounting the many agreeable reminiscences of my three days' trip. A Mason among Masons naturally finds himself at home, and it is worth the while of any brother who may have been eking out his existence in the "big village" for the last twelve months to make the shortest possible cut into the heart of England in order to learn how thoroughly well our fellow-countrymen in those parts fare. Before I started, I had visions of the most complete enjoyment imaginable, but the reality far exceeded the most glowing picture it was in my power to draw. Birmingham and its neighbourhood are presumably given up to the manufacture of hardware, but the worthy inhabitants are not so engrossed in their business as to be unable to devote some time to the reception of their friends. My journey was undertaken ostensibly for the purpose of being present at the installation meeting of the St. James's Lodge, No. 482, of Handsworth, and I can honestly say I never so thoroughly enjoyed myself. The Lodge is well circumstanced in respect of quarters, and the brethren are a genial and united body. Considering, indeed, that we read so much about London Lodges and their doings, and so little about Country Lodges, it is just as well, perhaps, I should give some of my slight experience. Of the interior working of the Lodge I need say very little:—it was perfect. But the Lodge quarters, they are situated at the Handsworth Commercial Schools, and more commodious or convenient premises for the purposes of Freemasonry it has rarely been my lot to visit. The Lodge, too, has its own paraphernalia, that is, the requisite utensils and implements for an unsophisticated dinner as well as for a *récherché* banquet. It has, too, its own cook, not an elaborate-looking personage of the stereotyped character with an elaborate lancer-looking chapeau and dainty white apparel, but a buxom and comely Matron, who gave one the idea she must have been engaged all her life in the preparation of good dinners, and whose instructions were attended to by a bevy of neat lasses, who were as deeply interested as herself in the success of their joint efforts. In short, what with the kindness of my brethren and the admirable dishes of their genial servants, I had some difficulty in tearing myself away.

Some of your readers may, perhaps, be disposed to consider my letter as an impertinence, as though the Handsworth Lodge could ever be otherwise than genial and hospitable, or as if it did not know how important a part creature comforts play in this life. Others may think I am writing effusively, as though neither the brethren of the St. James's Lodge, Handsworth, nor I had had any previous ideas about comfort. But I think it would be far jollier for us all, if we occasionally interchanged experiences. In the Masonic season your columns tells us with painful iteration how this, that, or the other Lodge fared sumptuously at some hotel or tavern, about which but few people care, but we hear very little about the Lodge which has its own domestics and provides its own banquets. In this respect the brethren of Handsworth set us an example, and hence this letter of mine, which records an experience that I trust others among your readers may have the opportunity of appreciating.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, last Saturday. The brethren who attended were Richard Tyrrell, S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, W. F. C. Moutrie, Rev. Richard Morris, S. Rosenthal, Thomas Meggy, A. J. Duff-Filer, and Frederick Binckes Secretary. The business consisted in placing one candidate on the April list, granting an outfit of £5 to a late pupil of the Institution, and withdrawing one candidate (No. 34) from the October list. When this business was completed, an indemnity against personal liability was voted to the Trustees of the Institution, in an action brought by Bro. S. B. Wilson in the long standing dispute respecting his charges in connection with the new buildings at the School. On the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, seconded by Bro. Moutrie, a subscription list was opened for obtaining a portrait of Miss Hall, Matron of the Institution, to be hung at the School, at Wood Green. This closed the business of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, C. G. Dilley, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Hilton, C. J. Perceval, John Newton, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry reported the death of one annuitant. Three candidates were passed, and placed on the list for next election. Bro. Terry produced the guarantee of the collector, Bro. John Mason; and Bro. Raynham Stewart reported that certain repairs were required at the Institution at Croydon. On the motion of Bro. J. M. Case, the matter was referred to the Building Committee, and the brethren then adjourned.

PERPETUAL JURISDICTION.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY AND FAMILY MAGAZINE.

PERPETUAL Jurisdiction is one of the wretched theories of jurisprudence that have crept into the Fraternity by some short-sighted and narrow-minded policy of the would-be law-makers of Masonry. In the first place it is one that is most unfair and that too frequently does great injustice to the applicants. Mr. Wilson applies to Lodge Omega, at Gravenhurst, for initiation; unfortunately, in said Lodge there is a pig-headed member, Bro. Snarler, who has contracted a dislike to young Mr. W., because he is a temperance orator, or a Campbellite, or a high-toned ward politician. At all events Mr. Wilson is the *antithesis* of Bro. Snarler, who detests all "new fangled notions," and consequently blackballs him. Such things occur every day, and every Mason knows such to be the case. Masons are but men, and too often allow their passions and bigotry to sway their better judgment, and thus, at times, "good material" is rejected. Now, here comes the question: Is this good, but rejected material, to be *for ever* left amongst the rubbish of the Temple because

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the old fogyism of Bro. Snarler can't stand the new fangled notions of Mr. Wilson? Perpetual jurisdiction says, "Yes;" common sense and justice say, "No."

In most Grand Lodge jurisdictions the rejected applicant is allowed to apply again after six or twelve months. Suppose, however, Mr. Wilson has removed from Gravenhurst, Ontario, and gone to California. After a number of years, he again knocks at the door of a Lodge, is he to be refused admission because Snarler, of Gravenhurst has not got over his prejudices? Mr. W. has resided years in California, is well liked, has gained a reputation for honesty and uprightness of purpose, is a rising man and known to be such; is it right or just that his application should be refused, because years before he was rejected in a Lodge hundreds of miles away, through the bigotry or narrow-mindedness of some petty-souled member?

Even supposing, for the sake of argument, that years before Mr. W. was not a fit ashlar for the Masonic Temple, is it just, honourable or right that former error of judgment is to be for ever maintained against him? Are Masons so bigoted that they cannot believe a man can reform? Are we to be more strict than the Synagogue of the Hebrew or the Church of the Nazarene? The Gentle Teacher taught Forgiveness, and surely we, the followers of Hiram, have no right to say, Mr. W., years ago, committed a crime. He has sorrowed and suffered days and nights, for weeks, months and years, for the evil passions that overcame him in the hour of temptation, but we will not forget or forgive the offence, we will show no mercy, we will not extend the hand of charity, but will, like the Pharisee of old, thank GOD that we are holier than he, and refuse our aid, our help and our succour, when he asks our assistance by seeking admission to our Lodge-rooms? I answer, unhesitatingly, that such a system is pernicious in the extreme. It is well, of course, under all circumstances, to make the fullest inquiries relative to an applicant for our mysteries, but to argue that a Lodge has perpetual jurisdiction over the candidate that it has once blackballed is giving an *individual* Mason a power within his own hands to commit a wrong not only against the rejected ashlar, but against the Craft universal

Have we not all witnessed, at times, the unfortunate position of certain Lodges in which a discordant element has most un-Masonically arisen, and where, to the disgrace of the Craft, the blackball has been mercilessly used? Many of us must have witnessed, or at least heard of, such cases, and under these circumstances how unjust the law of perpetual jurisdiction proves itself to be! It is erroneous in theory and wrong in practice. A man may have been blackballed in *spite*; he may also justly have been blackballed, but he may have expiated his crime by a subsequent Godly and moral life. Surely such an one is not to be for ever excluded from our mysteries, which would help him to lead a truer, a better, and nobler career.

Now, many eminent jurists are decidedly opposed to this theory, and advocate the system of perpetual jurisdiction, forgetting that in so doing they are giving a power too great for one man to possess, if he is tainted with the the least particle of bigotry or sectarianism. Bro. Thomas Hardeman, in the *Voice* (page 383), in speaking of rejected material, says: "If rejected, it is noticed, or should be, to the Fraternity at large that that stone has been tried by a skilful Master Builder's square and found unfit for the building, and no other builder should take up that rejected stone and work it into the Temple, until he who first raised it from its quarry again applies his square and finds that the defect discovered in the first investigation has been removed, and gives his consent for the second builder to use it at his discretion. Jurisdiction once acquired by a Lodge, by voluntary act, inures to it perpetually, and although Grand Lodge enactment may limit the time when a candidate may renew his application in that Lodge, it may not remove or limit the jurisdiction of the same, as it has not the constitutional power to do so."

This declaration that a Grand Lodge "may not remove or limit the jurisdiction of the same (the Lodge rejecting), as it has not the constitutional power to do so," is *certainly erroneous*. In former days any seven Masons could initiate a candidate, and in 1717, when Masonry assumed its present form, the theory of perpetual jurisdiction was not even mooted, and at the present time we find the Mother Grand Lodge of England and the older Grand Lodges of Europe accepting material, without any regard to territorial jurisdiction over the candidate for one year after the passing of the ballot upon the petition of the applicant, and should the applicant remove to another jurisdiction, either subordinate or supreme, these Grand Bodies hold that the Lodge rejecting or accepting said material has no claim whatever upon the same. This, I conceive to be the true spirit of Masonry. It is only just. A man should never be subjected to the petty tyranny of a one-man power, and Freemasonry, with its enlarged ideas and liberal principles, should not subject itself to a tyranny worthy of despotic Russia or priest-ridden Spain.

Whenever an applicant applies who has been rejected in another jurisdiction it is very easy to write and inquire regarding the antecedents of such an one, and without much difficulty his course of life in his former home is readily discovered. He is not likely to seek admission a second time unless he has been imbued with a love for the principles of the Craft, nor is he likely to subject himself a second time to a rebuff unless he feels very confident he will stand the test of the overseer's square. Such being the case, perpetual jurisdiction is, as before stated, a system that may and does verge into petty tyranny and personal spite. Examples could easily be given to prove such to be the case. It is placing in the hands of an unprincipled Mason a power that no one man should possess, and since we boast of our liberal and enlightened principles, it behoves us in all cases and under all circumstances to act with fairness and justice, not only to those within the *sanctum sanctorum*, but also to those who are desirous of uniting themselves with us in the bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Perpetual jurisdiction, therefore, is a contemptible and narrow-minded piece of jurisprudence that has only crept into the Craft within the past few years, and which is neither creditable to the common sense of the Brotherhood, nor worthy of the support of the Order. It is based upon a false hypothesis, and should be expunged from the statutes of a Fraternity whose watchword is Liberality and whose password is Charity.

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Bro. Voigt v. Bros. Carr, Trevor, and Laking.

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Seeing that this Action has been brought in open defiance of all Masonic principles and law, I earnestly appeal to the Fraternity at large, to assist me in defraying the very heavy costs of my defence, which will amount to £150 at the least, and which I am quite unable to bear without their fraternal and liberal help.

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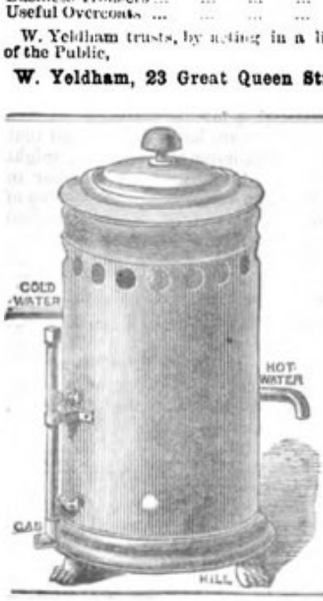
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In the old feudal times *fermes* were the yearly rent of Counties, Towns, Burghs, Guilds, &c., as concerted between the Crown and the fermour. *Escheats* were lands, &c., which became vested in the Crown, either by devolution, forfeiture, seizure, or some other title. *Tallage* was revenue paid to the king, and raised upon his demesnes, escheats, and wardships, and upon the Burghs and Towns of the realm. When it was paid for out of lands not held by military tenure it signified *Hidage*; when paid out of Knights' fees, it was *Scutage*; and when paid by Towns and Burghs, it was *Tallage*.

The sheriffs in old times were often called upon to perform special duties, and Madox, in his "History of the Exchequer," quotes a Royal Mandate from a Roll of the 26th year of Henry III. in which the Sheriff of Gloucester was commanded to cause twenty salmons to be brought and made into a pasty, against the approaching Christmas. *Rex Vicecomite Gloucestriæ salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod emi viginti Salmones et in pane poni facias; et nobis mittas Londoniam contra instans festum Natalis Domini, &c.*

Anciently the King's revenue, jewels, and other treasure used to be kept in the treasury of the Exchequer, called the Treasury of Leagues, and since known as the Pyx Chamber, on the east side of the cloisters of Westminster Abbey and at the rear of the Chapter House. The door of this chamber appears to have been lined inside and out with human skin, and driven full of nails. Mr. Scott, in his "Gleanings of Westminster Abbey," mentions that in the course of his researches he discovered a piece of what seemed to be white leather remaining on the door, but on closer examination it proved to be human skin, and he refers to an old tradition that they were the skins of Danes, tanned and fixed there as a memorial of our delivery from them. Similar marks have been found on other doors, but it is Mr. Scott's opinion that they were not the skins of Danes, but of persons executed for sacrilege, and that the custom of lining the doors of sacred treasuries with human skins was intended to terrify other depredators.

In the statute which defined the king's prerogative, and was passed in the seventeenth year of the reign of Edward the Second, it was laid down that where any ship was lost at sea, and the goods or cargo were thrown upon the land, such goods were adjudged to belong to the King. It was necessary, however, in order to constitute a wreck that the goods should come to land. If they continued at sea they were known by the barbarous names of "jetsam," "flotsam," and "ligan;" "jetsam" applying to goods cast into the sea and then sinking, or remaining under water; "flotsam" to goods which continued floating on the surface of the waters; and "ligan" to goods sunk in the sea, but tied to a cork or buoy in order to be found again. If any owner to these appeared he was entitled to recover possession, but if not, they became the King's property.

"Waifs," or *bona waviata*, were goods stolen and waived, or thrown away by the thief in his flight. The learned Blackstone draws some very fine distinctions in the case of waifs. According to him, they were given to the King as a punishment to the owner for not pursuing the thief and recovering his goods. "So that if the party robbed

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exercise due diligence, and seize the thief or apprehend him afterwards, he gets his goods back again. Nor do such waifs become the property of the King until they have been seized by somebody for his use, for if the owner can secure them first, they revert to him. If the goods are hidden by the thief, or left anywhere by him, so that he had not them about him, when he fled, and therefore did not throw them away in his flight, they are not *bona waviata*. The goods of a foreign merchant, though stolen and thrown away in flight, are never waifs, as he is generally ignorant of our laws."

"Strays" or Estrays are valuable animals found wandering in any manor or lordship without any apparent owner. Such formerly became the property of the King, but now they most commonly belong to the lord of the manor, by special grant from the Crown.

"Deodands" were chattels which were the immediate occasion of the death of any reasonable creature. These were forfeited to the King, and set apart to be applied to pious uses. (*Deo dandum.*)

The Duchy of Cornwall was originally constituted as a Duchy, and granted to the Black Prince by King Edward III. in 1337 by charter, which charter was afterwards confirmed by Act of Parliament in the eleventh year of the same reign. It laid it down that the property should be for ever vested in the Prince of Wales, the eldest son of the Sovereign, who became Duke of Cornwall at his birth, and it is by this title the Prince sits in the House of Lords. But on his accession to the throne, in the event of his having a son, the property immediately became vested in that son; but if he had none, then it remained vested in him until the birth of one. But the connection of the county with our Royal family can be traced still further back, for in an Exchequer Roll in the Remembrancer's Office it is stated that on the death of Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, son of Richard, Earl of Cornwall, and titular King of the Romans, who was brother of Henry III., and younger son of John, the county descended "unto Lord Edward in times past King of England, the first, as being kinsman and heir to the present Edmond, late Earl of Cornwall, that is to say, son of the Lord Henry, &c. This same Edward remained and died seised of the said county, &c., and at his death it descended to Edward II., and through him to his son and successor, Edward III., by whom, in the first instance by charter, and then more fully by Act of Parliament, it was ordained that it should for ever remain as a Duchy to the eldest son of the King of England, which should be the next heir to the kingdom, without any form of gift."

It was in the year 1558 that the first embassy from Russia—Ivan Vasilievitch being Czar—arrived in the neighbourhood of London. On his entrance into the chamber at the lodgings provided for him in Fenchurch-street, his Excellency was presented, on the Queen's behalf, with one rich piece of cloth of tissue, a piece of cloth of gold, another piece of cloth of gold, raised with crimson velvet; a piece of crimson velvet in grain, a piece of purple velvet; a piece of damask purpled, a piece of crimson damask, &c., &c. This ambassador, whose name was Osep Napea, had the misfortune to be wrecked off Kinnaird's Head. But he was subsequently received by the King and Queen (Philip and Mary), and having concluded a commercial treaty with this country, took his way homeward, laden with rich gifts, among which were a pair of lions male and female.

Hall, in his life of Henry VIII., as quoted by Strutt, describes how that monarch, "in the first year of his reign, one morning, by way of pastime, came suddenly into the chamber where the Queen and her ladies were sitting. He was attended by twelve noblemen, all apparelled in short coats of Kentish Kendal, with hoods and hosen of the same; each of them had his bow, with arrows, and a sword, and buckler, 'like outlaws or Robin Hode's men.' The Queen, it seems, was at first somewhat affrighted by their appearance, of which she was not the least apprised. This gay troop performed several dances, and then departed."

Aubrey, in his History of Wiltshire, says: "There were no rates for the poor in my grandfather's days; but for Kingston-St. Michael (no small parish) the church-ale of Whitsuntide did the business. In every parish is (or was) a church-house, to which belonged spits, crocks, &c.—utensils for dressing provisions. Here the housekeepers met, and were merry, and gave their charity. The young people were there, too, and had dancing, bowling, shooting at butts, &c., the ancients sitting gravely by, and looking on. All things were civil and without scandal.

The following enigmatical epitaph on a tablet to the memory of Anne, wife of Laurence Gibson, who died 29th December 1611, and their three sons, is, or was, to be found in one of the City churches. It is quoted in Strype's edition of Stow:—

What! is she dead?
doth he survive?
No: both are dead,
and both alive.
She lives, he's dead,
by love, though grieving,
In him, for her,
yet dead, yet living.
Both dead and living,
then what is gone?
One half of both,
not any one.
One Mind, one Faith,
one Hope, one Grave,
In Life, in Death,
they had, and still they have.

Visitors to the charming watering place of Folkestone are always heartily welcomed at the Temple Lodge; indeed, the brethren meet during the summer months with a view to afford intending visitors an opportunity of attending.

THE LAST TESTIMONY.

In many a Burial Service we have taken a part; in not a few we have wielded the emblem of authority, and cast the first evergreen sprig and the first handful of mould upon departed brethren. Many an incident of a touching character connected with these solemn occasions is inscribed upon our memory, and as we travel alone over the wastes of life's journey, we recall them to mind, and live buried years over again in the contemplation. One such incident occurred to memory a few evenings since, as we sat, gavel in hand, in our own Lodge, and we here commit it to paper.

The death of Bro. Sales (some who read this sketch will remember the incident, though the name is fictitious) occurred in 1854, while we were lecturing in the Lodges of our district. A deputation came over the river to invite us to attend the burial, and to preside. Having first assured ourselves of the creditable Masonic standing of the deceased (without that we will never unite in, much less preside over, the burial of a Mason), we consented to go, and many members of the Lodge went with us. Arrived there early in the day, we found the deceased, prepared for interment, at his father's house, and an adjoining tenement reserved expressly for Masonic use. This was convenient for the performance of the ceremonies that followed.

Having authority from the heart-broken father (it was a favourite son who was dead; talented, enterprising, filial), we directed the coffin to be brought into the reserved room, and placed on two trestles in the midst. We then proceeded to open the funeral Lodge, the pale face of the deceased brother looking steadfastly upward in the sight of all around. It was a solemn opening. Scarcely could the officers repeat their responses for emotion. The aged preacher stopped in the midst of his prayer, and could not resume it for sobbing, while from the adjacent house, the screams of distracted mother and widow came plainly to our ears. It was, indeed, a solemn opening.

The appointment of Marshal having been made, and careful directions for the burial ceremonies given to him in the hearing of all present (the attentive countenance in the coffin seeming to wait upon every word), we then inquired, as is our custom, "whether there were any present who desired to say a word as a last testimony for his departed friend and brother, ere the earth should cover him for ever from their view?"

A few moments' silence, and the old minister replied in language something like this: These hands baptised him in infancy. This right hand welcomed him to the fold of the Lord Jesus while yet he was scarcely a man. I performed his wedding service. I buried his four deceased children, one by one. I therefore give the history of his whole life when I say,—that he was a Mason, a Christian, and a man without guile, moral and upright before God and the Lodge."

This was a good testimony. A young and plainly dressed person then arose, and with that earnestness that causes all audiences to lose sight of awkwardness, said: "You know, my brethren, how I have been ravaged by sickness and misfortune. Death, fire and plunder have been my lot; and had it not been for Bro. Sales, my family and I could never have made a support. He has given us, first and last, nigh on to a fortune, and I could almost wish I was in yonder coffin in his place." As he spoke he walked to where that solemn face looked upward, and bowed down over it in an outburst of irrepressible emotion. It was long before the next person could speak.

Then the Master bore witness: "I have lived from childhood near this deceased man. I made him a Mason. His record is clear. Wherever he has gone, *I am willing to follow.* He was always first at the Lodge, first in charity, first in discipline, first in warning his brethren of their faults and dangers. Bro. Morris, write upon your memorandum book that when you wish to express a Mason in a single word, use *his name!*" Oh how tenderly that Master (a circuit judge of his district, a goodly and gracious man)—how tenderly he looked towards that pale face in the coffin while he expressed, at some length, encomiums like these! It was scarcely fancy that saw upon that dead countenance a smile of loving response.

Then the Tyler, a crooked, homely old man, having heard all that had been said in the Lodge, begged for admission that he, too, might testify to the character of the departed. Substituting a brother in his place, we granted his request, and then followed an outpouring of words, incoherent and ill-chosen, but singularly inspiring, that bathed every face in tears. The old man, too, had been a recipient of a thousand bounties from Bro. Sales, and at the conclusion of his words he fell exhausted and fainting upon the floor.

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We bore the deceased Mason solemnly to his bed, his chosen resting-place—hollowed out between two little mounds, beneath which lay his four deceased children—followed by all the population of the neighbourhood. We took him in fraternal hands, no others being allowed to participate, and in straight lines, at right angles turning, with slow steps and bowed heads, we led the great procession to the Necropolis of that vicinage.

Arrived there we formed our circle, none being admitted therein save those whose interest in the departed was even more than our own, and never was the beautiful service of Webb more earnestly heeded; or, we may say, more earnestly uttered, than it was that day. And when, just before "the last honours of Masonry" were tendered to one whose face was now sealed from our eyes, we, as the presiding officer of the obsequies, repeated to the audience around the glowing testimonials that his friends had so profusely heaped upon him, we think there was not a dry eye in all that assembly.

The remembrance lives in our heart, though the actors are scattered and many of them dead. And you, oh faithful Mason, though now but a part of the mould we heaped over you, the record of your virtues is made up, and at the judgment day, you shall hear the words of welcome—"inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these!"—*Masonic Review.*

These men of the world, who go through it in armour, defend themselves from quite as much good as evil.—*The Old Curiosity Shop.*

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

THE installation meeting of this rising Lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd instant, when there were present many influential brethren to welcome the new Master on his induction into the chair of K.S. The Prince Leopold, though its years are but few, has already had its vicissitudes. It started under most favourable auspices, and with an excellent array of brethren as founders. But, as not unfrequently happens, the list of founders has since diminished in numbers, for the ordinary reason that certain among them have satisfied their ambition, and having assisted to start the Prince Leopold on its journey, are content to leave it to advance as best it can. However, on an auspicious occasion like the one we are about recounting, it would seem unbecoming to lay any stress on shortcomings which may be excusable, and which certainly had no deterrent effect on the joyous gathering of last Thursday, when full honour was done to the new Master on his installation. Bro. T. E. Goddard is a good fellow, if we may be permitted to use so common and so profane an expression. In the minor offices of the Lodge he has shown himself a worthy, able, and painstaking brother, and it is only fitting that his career in the Prince Leopold should be crowned as satisfactorily as it has been. The Lodge was opened with the usual preliminaries, and, as an emergency had been held a short time previously with a view to clearing off all ordinary business, the Lodge was at once able to proceed to the business of installation. Bro. S. Love Green W.M. presided at the outset, but the duties of installing officer were undertaken by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who, it is needless to say, performed his part most ably and successfully. Bro. Goddard was then congratulated and saluted, in accordance with custom, and the appointment and investment of Officers followed, the several offices being awarded as follow, viz. :—Bros. N. D. Partridge S.W., S. Lewis J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. and Treasurer, G. E. Walters P.M. Secretary, Macdonald S.D., Robson J.D., MacGregor I.G., G. C. Young W.M. 820 Organist, Kimble M.C., Seymour-Clarke W.S., Winkley A.S., and J. J. Marsh Tyler. The other business of the day having been completed, the Lodge was closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, such as mine host of the Mitford Tavern may congratulate himself upon having served. It is not often that we go out of our way to pay a compliment to a landlord, as compliments are unnecessary in the ordinary course of things, and the Mitford Tavern knows but too well how meet the taste of its guests. But the dinner on this occasion was in very way worthy of the reputation of the house, and we should regard it as—at all events—a compliment to our digestive organs if all hosts showed themselves as determined to please as our worthy friend of the Mitford. A word, too, will not be out of place in respect to the dinner-card, which was one of the tastiest of the kind we have ever seen. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed, in the regular order of sequence, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, a few appropriate remarks serving to commend each in turn to the notice of the brethren. The toast of the evening—namely, that of the Worshipful Master—was suitably proposed by Bro. S. Love Green, who in complimentary but well-deserved terms, spoke of the many sterling qualities by which he was distingnished. In all the offices he had filled previously the W. Master had proved himself a worthy and energetic Mason, one who shrank from no labour or trouble if he saw his way to being of any service. He, therefore, anticipated that the ensuing year would be a most fortunate one, as it was impossible the Lodge could do otherwise than prosper under the genial auspices of their new Master. Bro. Goddard, after a brief interval, rose and acknowledged the complimentary terms in which his health had been proposed by Bro. Love Green, and the handsome reception it had experienced at the hands of those present. He was afraid he should hardly realise the glowing picture which had been drawn of him by his friend and brother, but he had the heart to do what was required of him, and it should be for no lack of will on his part if the Lodge did not prosper as greatly under his auspices as it had done under his able predecessors in the chair. Bro. Goddard concluded a most effective speech by proposing the toast of the Past Masters, associating with it the name of Bro. Love Green, his immediate predecessor in the chair, who, on all occasions both in season and out of season, had devoted his time and energy in order to promote the welfare of the Lodge. He congratulated Bro. Green on the testimony he had that evening received of the affectionate regard entertained for him by the members of the Lodge, and he could only hope that, when his own year of office came to an end, he should find his services had been as highly appreciated. Bro. Green, in suitable terms, acknowledged the compliment paid to him in particular, and to the Past Masters generally, who, he felt convinced, had no other object in Masonic life than to promote the welfare of their young and prospering Lodge. Bro. Myers, one of the worthiest and most genial of Past Masters, offered a few remarks, in the course of which he gave some sage advice, which was listened to with that appreciative attention which an excellent brother's remarks invariably evokes. The toast of the Visitors was proposed in appropriate terms, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. G. Ward Verry, who expressed the great gratification which both he and his fellow guests had experienced, and also congratulated the Lodge on the success which had attended it during its brief career. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. We may add that a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office, was presented to, and feelingly acknowledged by, Bro. Love Green.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 482.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge assembled at their new Masonic Rooms, Wretham-road, Soho Hill, Handsworth, on Monday. There was a very large attendance, and some of the most energetic Masons of the Provinces of Staffordshire and Warwickshire assembled to do honour to the ceremony of Installing Bro. John Deeley into the chair for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened punctually at three o'clock, when the W.M. Bro. J. F. Pepper was supported by Bros. John Deeley S.W., E. P. Kimpton J.W., E. W. Bradley S.D., F. W. Payton J.D., Rev. Wm. Randall, Rector of Handsworth, Chap., J. Jacobs P.M. P.P.G.R. Treas., C. W. Perkins Org.; P.M.'s Joseph Rowlands P.G.J.W., J. Jacobs P.P.G.R., F. Derry, M.A., P.P.G.J.W. Staffordshire, W. J. Whittall P.P.G.R., J. H. Parkes, Dr. Parkes, J. F. Pepper I.P.M. Visitors—Rev. C. Bullivant W.M. 1520, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. Srawley S.W. 739, S. Clapp W.M. 662, James P. Powell W.M. 347, John Pursall P.P.G.S.W. &c., H. Belcher P.G.S.W. 1031, Joseph Boston W.M. 1431, Isaac Jennings W.M. 1016, Jas. Cooper I.P.M. 473, Spencer Yapp W.M. 1031, Geo. Wootton J.W. 938, Alfred Hill, M.D., P.M. Light, A. E. Green W.M. 925, W. C. McEntee P.P.G.S.W. 587, Robert Munday P.M. 828, G. King Patten P.M. 486, J. Boocock W.M. 74, E. Handley, W. H. Davis J.W. Tudor Lodge, Harborne, John Ward, John Bragg P.P.S.G.W. P.M. 739, C. E. Richardson W.M. 1163, C. Lee P.M. Albion P.P.G.J.W., and several others whose names we were unable to ascertain. The Lodge had hardly settled itself down when it was announced that the Deputy G. Master of the Province, Bro. Singleton Tudor, was in waiting, and instructions for his honourable reception were issued forthwith. When the usual compliments had been paid him, Bro. Tudor was pleased to occupy the chair while a portion of the business was transacted, which portion included the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting. In due course, Bro. Deeley S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation, and our worthy brother was accordingly installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a board of no less than thirty-two installed Masters—a presence which, at all events, shows the deep interest taken by the veterans of the Craft in the ordinary labours of Freemasonry. We may mention here that the ceremony was fulfilled by Bro. J. F. Pepper I.P.M., whose conduct in the chair left nothing to be desired. After Bro. Deeley had received the congratulations and salutations of those present he appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. E. P. Kimpton S.W., W. Wykes J.W., J. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, E. W. Bradley Secretary, Rev. W. Randall Chaplain, F. Payton S.D., Charles Payton J.D., Horton I.G., C. W. Perkins Org., Whittall P.M. M.C., and Chaplin Tyler, with Bros. Thomas Smith and G. J. Payton as Stewards. When the business had been completed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided and served by their own people on their own plate. So unusual a circumstance is worth recording, and it would be well if other Lodges followed so admirable an example. The dinner itself, and the manner in which it was served, would have put many of our most experienced hotel and tavern keepers to the blush, and the brother who rightly thinks much of dining, and dined at Handsworth on Monday, must be said to have added largely to his experience of what is worth knowing. When ample justice had been done to the viands, the cloth was removed, and the various Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in regular order, the W.M. offering a few pertinent remarks in commendation of each. The agreeable task of proposing the health of Bro. John Deeley W.M. devolved upon Brother Rowlands P.M., who, albeit a fluent and able speaker, had his work cut out in order to do justice to the toast. He pointed out how that Bro. Deeley had, by a long and active course of zealous service, shown himself worthy of the high trust that day reposed in him by the Lodge. In the course of its existence of close on forty years the St. James's Lodge had had its due proportion not only of honourable men—for are not all Masons honourable?—but also of capable, courteous, and genial brethren, who make light of trouble when there was a chance of the interests of Freemasonry being promoted. Bro. Deeley had proved his worth in the subordinate offices he had filled, and he (Brother Rowlands) was well satisfied that he would be equally successful in the more onerous duties of the chair. Both the speech of the proposer and of Bro. Deeley in reply were cordially applauded by the members and their guests, and we have good reason for anticipating that, if it should be our good fortune to visit Handsworth at the corresponding period next year, we shall hear Bro Deeley's success as W.M. spoken of in as complimentary terms then as have been his past services just recently. Bro Deeley appropriately responded to the toast, and expressed a hope that he might be found, at the end of his year of office, to have realised the expectations which had been formed of him. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bro. McIntee, and that of the Installing Master Bro. Pepper I.P.M. was most warmly honoured by all present. The toast of the Past Masters and the Officers followed, and that of the Tyler brought the proceedings of the evening to a most agreeable termination. Rev. Bro. Randall, in the course of an able and exhaustive speech in reply to that of the Officers, expressed the pleasure it always afforded him to take part in the work of the Lodge. He knew well how zealous were the members, both individually and collectively. They had exhibited their interest in the labours of Freemasonry by frequently meeting together for the purposes of instruction, and he could not pay them a higher compliment than to say that their working of the sections was as near perfection, in appreciation as well as in accuracy, as possible. Our Reverend Brother's remarks were received with enthusiasm. We must not omit to mention that the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Singleton Tudor paid the Lodge a high compliment on the score of its excellent working, and the zeal and earnestness displayed by the members. We have already spoken in justly complimentary terms of the accommodation this Lodge has secured for

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itself at the Handsworth Commercial Schools, and the excellence of their culinary arrangements. But it would be unpardonable omission on our part if we did not congratulate our worthy and hospitable brethren of the St. James's Lodge on the commodiousness of the premises they have been fortunate enough to secure. Not only is the cubic capacity of the Lodge room ample, but the whole suite of apartments is most conveniently arranged.

VISITATION OF GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND TO ABERDEEN.

THE Aberdeen City Province of Freemasons was honoured on Wednesday by a visitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland (Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart), and a deputation from Grand Lodge. The brethren of the City Province, to the number of over a hundred, assembled at the Masonic Hall, Exchange Street, at a quarter to four, when the Lodge was opened by the Acting Provincial Grand Master (Brother Savage), the other office-bearers being:—Bros. John Crombie P.G.S.W., J. Murch P.G.J.W., Charles Wilson P.G.S.D., J. M'Connachie P.G.J.D., W. Daniel P.G.I.G., Innes Outer Guard. The deputation from Grand Lodge was received with the usual honours, the organ being played by Bro. Kirby, P.G. Organist. The members of the deputation accompanying the Most Worshipful Grand Master, were:—Bros. Wm. Mann acting D.G.M., William Officer acting S.G.M., F. A. Barrow P.S.G.W., R. F. Shaw-Stewart J.G.W., William Boyd P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, Murray Lyon G. Secretary, James Webster Acting S.G.D., Robert Morrison Acting J.G.D., William Hay G. Architect, A. D. Cairns Acting Grand Sword Bearer, R. S. Brown Acting President of Grand Stewards, John Fleming Acting Vice-President, and the following Grand Stewards:—Bros. Peter Sinclair, William Edwards, John S. Mathieson, Frederick Hurd (Acting), and Bro. W. M. Bryce Grand Tyler. The deputation having taken their places, the Sub. Prov. Grand Master gave up the badge of his authority to the M.W. Grand Master, who returned it, with an expression of confidence in the Master of the Lodge, after which the ceremony of initiation was gone through, Bros. M'Kenzie Fraser Master of St. George's and Charles Shepherd Master of St. Andrew's, taking part in the working of the degree. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Most Worshipful Grand Master expressed the pleasure he felt in being present and seeing the excellent manner in which the Aberdeen City Province was conducted, and congratulated the newly-initiated brother. The brethren of the Craft afterwards dined in the Palace Hotel, under the presidency of the genial Substitute Provincial Grand Master, the Most Worthy Grand Master and the other members of the deputation from Grand Lodge being guests, and the whole company numbering one hundred. Mr. Mann supplied an excellent dinner, the *menu* including a fine haunch of venison, the gift of Colonel Farquharson, of Invercauld, the Substitute Grand Master of Aberdeenshire West. The toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales (the Grand Patron of Masonry), the Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family, were given by the Chairman; the Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces was given by Brother J. Murch, Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and responded to by Captain R. F. Shaw-Stewart, and Capt. F. F. Maitland Moir. The Chairman proposed "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," which was acknowledged by Brother Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, who stated that the last grand visitation to Aberdeen was made in December 1851, by his Grace the Duke of Athole. To show the progress that Masonry had made since that time, he stated that in 1857 the number of initiates was 12, while in 1879 they numbered 151. The clear value of the funds of Grand Lodge in 1851 was £2,129; in November 1879 they amounted to £16,702, besides £5,845 of a fund for benevolence. In 1857, the income for the year was £1,229; in 1879 it was £4,822. The entrants recorded in Grand Lodge books in 1851 numbered 1429, and in 1879 they amounted to 3985. The youngest Lodge on the roll in 1851 was No. 362, and in last November the number of the youngest Lodge was 647. He concluded by proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeen," and thanking the Freemasons of Aberdeen for the support they had given in the past to Grand Lodge, and for the kindness and hospitality they had shewn himself and Grand Lodge on this occasion. Brother Savage responded, and gave the toast of the "Grand Lodges of England and Ireland," coupled with Brother Colonel Williamson, member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire. Brother Dr. F. F. M. Moir proposed "The Neighbouring Provincial Grand Lodges," to which Brother W. Boyd P.G.M. Aberdeenshire (East) replied, remarking that to attend a meeting of Lodges in the Province of the City of Aberdeen was, as regards Masonry, equivalent to a liberal education. Brother Officer, Edinburgh, proposed "The Colonial Provinces," and W. Mann Proxy P.G.M. of Hindostan, replied. The health of the Grand Secretary of the Aberdeen City Province (Bro. Dr. White), and the Acting Senior Warden (Bro. John Crombie), were drunk; the Architect (Bro. Hay), who proposed the latter, stating that he intended to propose the Grand Lodge do hold its meetings periodically in the principal towns of Scotland by rotation, which he thought would tend to the good of Masonry in Scotland. The proceedings, which were throughout of a very interesting, edifying, and enjoyable character, were brought to a close with the toast of Bon-Accord and the singing of Auld lang syne.

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THE BOYS' NEWSPAPER.—We understand that this newspaper, the first number of which is announced to appear on the 15th, will have a wide and varied range, embracing the news of the week (specially adapted to the requirements of boys), narratives of voyages, travels, and adventures, news from schools at home and abroad, reports of all kinds of athletic sports and games, together with practical papers, entertaining stories, and new schemes for puzzles.

THE ELEMENT OF SECRECY IN THE MASONIC INSTITUTION.

IN the minds of some persons it is enough to condemn any organization that the element of secrecy enters into its system and proceedings. Such persons make no discrimination between one secret society and another; for to their inconsiderate or prejudiced thought all associations that exclude the world at large from a full knowledge of their doings are unworthy and dangerous. The assumption is that wherever there is anything concealed there is evil; and, therefore, the very moment that any number of men unite together in a secret association it is held to be the natural inference that they are engaged in some work which will not bear the light of day. Thus it is argued that the element of secrecy in any organization is quite sufficient to justify an unfavourable opinion of its purposes and work.

That there is neither logic nor fairness in such judgment is frequently shown. There is always some danger of reaching a false conclusion when a person generalizes from particular and special cases, yet it is by such a process of reasoning that all secret societies are frequently included under a sweeping case of condemnation. The Jacobin Clubs that afflicted France in the last century were composed of disloyal and designing men who plotted the overthrow of the government. They made use of secrecy to cover their base purposes. The Communists and Nihilists of the present day are supposed to be united for political purposes by a strong bond of secrecy, and it is assumed that they are thus associated because of certain objects which they have in view—objects against the peace and good order of society. But because there have been and are such organizations enveloped in mystery, it by no means follows that all secret societies are engaged in plotting treason and are alike dangerous to the community. A discrimination should be made, and every organization should be judged on its merits. Most certainly it will not do to assume that secrecy is always a cloak for baseness and wrongdoing. In the home, in business relations and enterprises, in many matters pertaining to the church and the state, there is action taken of which the world at large may not be informed. Secrecy of itself, within proper and well defined limits, ought not to excite hostility. It is only when such secrecy passes the lines of propriety, and becomes a means to unworthy ends, that it deserves to be treated as a dangerous element.

In this line of thought we may come to the enquiry—In what sense is Masonry a secret society? There is no mystery about its objects and purposes. Its moral and benevolent character has been signified to the world by manifold declarations and by practical deeds. Masonry affects no concealment of the objects it has in view and the work it is trying to do. It publishes the times of its various meetings, its general transactions, the full list of its members; and whoever is curious enough to read or enquire may ascertain what Masonry stands for and what it is doing. Let it be remembered that the Masonic Institution, in English-speaking nations at least, is not surrounded by any such impenetrable veil of mystery as has been made use of to shroud from the eye those associations and combinations already alluded to. The secrecy of Masonry is legitimate and harmless. It holds its rites and ceremonies to itself. It cherishes the means of recognition, by which members of the Brotherhood can make themselves known to each other, and does not impart these signs and tokens to the world; but these secrets, let it be kept in mind, are within the reach of any man of intelligence and good moral character who desires to obtain them, and who will conform to the ancient and well defined way of procedure. Secrecy is an element of the Masonic Institution; but it is only that secrecy which we believe to be honourable and justifiable. The general character and work of Masonry may be known and read of all men.—*Repository.*

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE eighth annual benefit of Bro. W. Francis, one of the proprietors of this most popular troupe of Negro Minstrels, took place on Wednesday afternoon. A special programme of a varied character was provided, and the public evinced their good taste, as well as their appreciation of the efforts of the Mohawks to please them, by filling the Hall to overflowing. In the temporary absence of Mr. Harry Hunter, Mr. John Kavanagh presided as interlocutor, and, in honour of the occasion, some of the old favourites made their re-appearance, in the persons of Messrs. Vincent Layton, Ted Snow, and F. Duriah. The programme was rightly described as being replete with novelties, for every number was, to the best of our belief, new to the audience, and previously unsung. But now or old, they all went admirably, both the side-splitting humorous songs and the pathetic. The beneficiary is to be congratulated on his successful appearance as "Chirgwin the White-eyed Musical Kaffir." His brother, Mr. James Francis, made a grand hit in "The Gallant Fire Brigade." The second portion of the programme was equally effective with the first, and included a performance on the piccolo, by Mr. J. Harrington Young, who unquestionably deserves the highest encomiums it is in our power to pass upon him. Mr. W. Freeman's new and original banjo song, "The March of the Men of Garlick," was most grotesque; and the Grecian favourite, Mr. Harry Nicholls, in his various "Characterisations and Impersonations," was most deservedly applauded. Mr. Celian Kottaun, the solo cornet of the Brighton Aquarium Band, made so successful a first appearance that we trust we may have the opportunity of welcoming him on many future occasions. To conclude our remarks, the evening was one of the most gratifying it has been our good fortune to be present at, and we are confident the other gala nights of this Company will be equally successful.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty,
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1556—Addiscombe, The Surrey Club, West Croydon

MONDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, White Swan, Coleman-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 16 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—King-land, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1257—Pennor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1439—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Ebor eum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
131—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Mydelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
401—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
629—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
636—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Selsey
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, Bull's Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—In Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Istruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Orm-kirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1240—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 499—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Orm-kirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton (Installation at 5)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Lancastrian Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
524—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
699—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
695—Cumbermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
696—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
699—Rhuddlan, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
863—Witchcraft of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
868—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1041—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1052—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1161—Elliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1162—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1329—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1412—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

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FRIDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7:30, (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield at 7
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
380—Prince George, ,Private Rooms, Bottoms Eastwood.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday last, the 4th instant. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Gilham S.W., W. Williams J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Powell S.D., Spencer J.D., Boas I.G.; also Bros. R. Defriez, Brasted, Fysh, Moss, Selig, Weeden, T. J. F. Williams, C. Lorkin, McMillan and Isaac. Lodge opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Gilham was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. After which Lodge was closed.

Temple Lodge, No. 558.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Town Hall, Folkestone. Present—Bros. François Klatt acting W.M., A. H. Holbein S.W., W. Francis J.W., S. Joseph Treasurer, J. Kennett P.M. Secretary, J. Eldridge S.D., G. Saxby J.D., W. Kennett I.G; P.M.'s Bros. H. Stock P.P.G. Supt. of Works Kent, and several other brethren. Visitors—Bros. Brackstone Baker Emulation No. 21, Past Grand Deacon G. Lodge of England, Wm. Colegrave Southern Star 1158, Thos. R. Maples Hervey 1260, W. M. Amos S.W. Prince Edwin 125, W. B. Kennett Sandgate 1436, W. H. Catchpole The Great City 1426, G. Cordell W.M. Sandgate 1436. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. E. Wilton, on being balloted for as a candidate for Freemasonry, was unanimously elected and initiated into the ancient mysteries. Bro. Dane, who was initiated last month, having satisfactorily answered the questions, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of F.C. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and their names were ordered to be placed upon the summons for next meeting. A vote of thanks to Bro. Brackstone Baker was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for his kindness in attending the Lodge. Bro. Baker, in responding to the vote, referred to the number of years he had been associated with Freemasonry, and the number of Lodges he had visited. He thanked the brethren heartily, and congratulated them upon having such a thoroughly efficient Master. The evening's proceedings were quite a treat to him; the ceremonies had been gone through with smoothness and regularity, and it would be rather difficult to find the slightest fault. Hearty good wishes from several Visitors was expressed, and then Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Bros. Marsh W.M., Williams S.W., Christian J.W., Polak S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Carr I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Dallas, Catlin and others. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first, and Bro. C. Lorkin the second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Larter, of Lodge 1602, was elected a member. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Blue Ball Hotel, Bruton, Somerset. Present:—Bros. Jas. Stewart Boyd W.M., H. Harrold S.W., C. Lockyer J.W., F. Stockwell, M.D., Treas., Thos. Bennett P.M. Sec., Christopher Welch S.D., Thos. G. Vincent J.D., Wm. Palmer as I.G., J. P. Swain Tyler; Past Master Bro. Albert Huntley; Bros. Woodforde, Stevens, Phippen, Avery, Moody, Lock, Sherring, Haynes and R. Kelley. Business:—The summons for holding the present Lodge having been read, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge confirmed, Bros. Avery, Moody and Lock, candidates for passing, received the second degree at the hands of Bro. P.M. Thos. Bennett, who took the chair at the request of the W.M. Bro. H. Harrold S.W. delivered the charge. The chair was then resumed by the W.M., who closed the Lodge in the second degree, and subsequently closed in due form, after which the brethren partook of light refreshments, supplied by the hostess of the hotel.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd Sept., at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Brothers A. J. Burr W.M., J. Green S.W., E. Geflowski J.W., H. E. Tucker Treas., J. Wells Sec., W. Seward jun. S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., C. Bellerby I.G.; P.M. Bro. C. Andrews. Visitor—Bro. Nathan; also Bros. S. Smout senior, A. Jones, C. E. Botley, F. Botley, W. Rickwood, F. C. Woolmer, E. T. Brown. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Bro. Tucker was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor and Bro. J. Wells Hon. Sec. of this Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Porter, Coop, and Seward were elected the Audit Committee for the year. Bro. J. Green was elected W.M. for next week, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—The first meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Hallow's, the Chequers Hotel, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, on Wednesday, 1st September, at 7.30. Present:—Bros. Franklin W.M., F. Hallows S.W., Upward J.W., Carter S.D. Wildash J.D., W. G. Hallows I.G.; P.M.'s Groome and Pinder; Bros. Clark, Burnard, Inman, Mustart 174, Bambury 1685, Webster 1685. The Lodge was opened in due form. The acting Secretary read the proposed Bye Laws, which were, after some discussion, adopted. The election of officers resulted in Bro. W. G. Hallows being appointed Treasurer, and Bro. G. Clark, Sec. Bros. Bambury, Webster and Mustart were regularly elected members of the Lodge. Bro. P.M. Pinder, on request, agreed to be Preceptor, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. The Lodge was then closed in form.

On 8th Sept., Bros. F. Hallows W.M., Upward S.W., Carter J.W., Wildash S.D., Bambury J.D., Webster I.G., Clark, Inman, Scrivener. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the bye-laws, proposed and agreed to at previous meeting, were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Scrivener as candidate. The same brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Scrivener was passed. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Bro. F. Hallows for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies. Brother Scrivener was elected a member of the Lodge. Brother Upward was elected W.M. for next week, and Lodge was regularly closed and adjourned.

The festivities of the coming winter season are as usual receiving at the hands of theatrical managers and others, whose business it is to cater for the public, the accustomed amount of attention. Foremost in the field this year appear Messrs. A. and S. Gatti, who have for some time past been associated with Covent Garden Theatre. We understand it is their intention to produce at that establishment on Monday, 27th December, a grand Christmas comic pantomime entitled Valentine and Orson or Harlequin and the Magic Shield, the opening part of which will be written by Mr. F. C. Burnand, and the whole produced under the personal superintendence of Mr. F. B. Chatterton. The celebrated Vokes family have been engaged, as also several other prominent members of the theatrical profession, so that we may safely predict a successful run during the coming season.

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Masonic activity is actually at hand. For the next three weeks there will be bustle and excitement in many a family whose hope is centred in the success of one of its members at the coming elections, while the same may be said of at least a considerable portion of the Masonic world at large: for when we take into consideration that there are no less than one hundred and twenty-seven applicants before the Committees of the two Schools, we may imagine that the friends and supporters of the candidates form no inconsiderable portion of those who take an interest in the welfare of the Order. Thanks to the publicity which has been given during the past few years to our charitable Institutions, and the hearty support they receive from all quarters, there are now few parts of the country or sections of the brethren but are in some way or other interested in the welfare of the Charities, and solicitous for the success of one or more of the many applicants seeking relief from the funds at the disposal of the respective Committees. We are aware that in many instances Provincial or other Associations, as well as private influence, have secured the proxies lately issued to the subscribers: yet there are doubtless some who are still at liberty as regards the disposal of their votes, and for their guidance as well as for the information of those who have not yet become entitled to rank as subscribers, we briefly put before our readers the needs and merits of the several candidates, or so much thereof as may be gathered from the information given in the published particulars of each case. We do so with the hope that the recital of these plain unvarnished facts may prove sufficient to soften the hearts of many whose circumstances in life render them able to afford assistance to the less fortunate members of the human family, and trust that our remarks may render the appeals of future Stewards and others who work in the good cause easier, and the responses heartier than has been the case in past years. We feel assured that the greater publicity there is given to the work of Masonic charity—in all its forms—the less need will there be to feel there are so many worthy of assistance to whom no aid can be afforded.

As we have already stated, there are one hundred and twenty-seven applicants for admission to the Schools at the forthcoming elections—fifty-four girls and seventy-three boys. We understand that the petition of one of the latter—George Arthur Thomas, No. 34 on the list—has been withdrawn. Of this number, according to present arrangements thirty-three only can be elected, there being seventeen declared vacancies in the Girls' School, and sixteen in the Boys' School. One gleam of sunshine, however, remains. It will be remembered that at the beginning of the present year the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls sanctioned the expenditure of a sum of money for the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, and in the event of the alterations there needed being effected in time, an additional twenty-five girls will

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credit; both are members of famili less. We are aware there are little in this Province, which require ad principle that those who make wars we think it is time that unanimity such results as are here shown occu credit of two candidates, each of elections, is monstrous. No. 19 (S. Somerset, has 768 votes to her credit pretty sure; she and one other child mother. No. 42 (N. E. Prideux) is similarly placed; their father, a mem having died in September of last ye cases are new ones, No. 51 (M. E whose parents are alive, being one of No. 53 (E. M. A. Townsend), whose one of eight requiring attention. Su members some grand supporters of t shall be surprised if, on the present will do aught but add to its reputat shire case (No. 27)—a last applicati mentioned; the other is No. 9 (C. 237 votes to her credit from two pr mother is living, and she is one of fo to be supplied. No. 33 (M. L. children of the late Brother R. G his death Worshipful Master of No. 632, Wiltshire—who are now lef mother; while No. 54, the other case G. E. Bradford—is one of a family o their parents, both of whom are al candidates we have to notice hail fro Provinces or districts, Cambridgeshire the list, its candidate, E. M. Parker, the fifth time, being No. 1 on the ball support she has hitherto received—b has been the subject of comment upo We can but again regret the apathy should do their best for the orphan their Province. Her mother has five for, so that the case may fairly deserving of sympathy. No. 14 application, has 181 votes to the goo are living, but her father is sufferin affliction which in itself should secure one of his seven children. A sligh of the Essex brethren should suffice School, and we expect to hear they ar (R. A. Bridgman, Hong Kong) ha sult of two previous attempts; she in the School, and is now the only ch mother. She is tolerably certain to b (A. A. Owens), from the Western Div has stood a like number of elections, nounced as safe, her total of votes 953. Both her parents are dead, children to be provided for by th No. 18 (S. J. Bennett, Durham) ha

MORE ABOUT THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

WE quoted last week a very excellent article from the *Corner Stone*, one of our American Masonic contemporaries, which justifies the views we have more than once expressed of the tendency of Freemasonry in the United States, and though our English High Grade Masons have not laid themselves open to some of the severe strictures of our contemporary, and avoid thrusting themselves continually on the public, they may learn a lesson or two from the article we refer to. Our Grand Lodge certainly does not practise charity with any niggardly hand, nor is it given to "rhetorical display." On the contrary, its benevolence is magnificent, and its meetings of the quietest and most formal character. Our Masonic press, too, has many and many a column "replete with the generous deeds and noble acts of individual Masons, or the liberal donations and timely assistance of Masonic bodies to their poor and impoverished brethren, their weeping widows, and starving orphans," while but very little space is found for recording the labours of Templar and High Grade Masonry. It seems, however, that, according to the *Corner Stone*, the Masonry of the American continent "has gone mad after high degreeism and grand titleism," and it does not seem an unnecessary caution to our brethren in the States to tell them, "that if they do not pay more attention to the pure, simple, beautiful symbolism of the Lodge, and less to the tinsel, furbelow, fuss, and feathers of Scotch Ritism and Templarism, the Craft will yet be shaken to its very foundations." There is a good deal of sound common sense in this. American Masons are very partial to outside display, and opportunities are rarely lost of having grand processions of brethren gorgeously arrayed in their clothing and regalia. So far, we think, the comparison between American and English Masonry is favourable to the latter. We hardly know what a Masonic show means, and the idea of the brethren marching up and down Piccadilly or Regent Street would be laughed to scorn by ninety-nine out of every hundred of our brethren. But there is a good deal of truth in the statement that Lodges here, as well as in America, are "too devoted to work and ritualism." There may not be an absolute desire "to manufacture Masons." But less caution is exercised in accepting candidates than is desirable, and there is undoubtedly a tendency on the part of many brethren to run after those degrees which are outside the pale of pure and ancient Masonry. This tendency, moreover, is greatly fostered by the consideration which is shown for those who have taken these degrees, and are entitled to write half the letters of the alphabet after their names in consequence. Happily, so long as we retain our dislike for outward show, this tendency will prove comparatively harmless. The ruling bodies of our High and other degrees work quietly and unostentatiously. They

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

AMONG the first matters which require attention on the annual resumption of Masonic work are the elections for the two Schools connected with the English Craft. To many brethren, indeed, the receipt of the ballot paper for the October election of one or other of these Institutions is looked upon as the call "from refreshment to labour," while to others they serve as signals of the rapid approach of winter, and reminders that the period of Masonic activity is actually at hand. For the next three weeks there will be bustle and excitement in many a family whose hope is centred in the success of one of its members at the coming elections, while the same may be said of at least a considerable portion of the Masonic world at large: for when we take into consideration that there are no less than one hundred and twenty-seven applicants before the Committees of the two Schools, we may imagine that the friends and supporters of the candidates form no inconsiderable portion of those who take an interest in the welfare of the Order. Thanks to the publicity which has been given during the past few years to our charitable Institutions, and the hearty support they receive from all quarters, there are now few parts of the country or sections of the brethren but are in some way or other interested in the welfare of the Charities, and solicitous for the success of one or more of the many applicants seeking relief from the funds at the disposal of the respective Committees. We are aware that in many instances Provincial or other Associations, as well as private influence, have secured the proxies lately issued to the subcribers: yet there are doubtless some who are still at liberty as regards the disposal of their votes, and for their guidance as well as for the information of those who have not yet become entitled to rank as subscribers, we briefly put before our readers the needs and merits of the several candidates, or so much thereof as may be gathered from the information given in the published particulars of each case. We do so with the hope that the recital of these plain unvarnished facts may prove sufficient to soften the hearts of many whose circumstances in life render them able to afford assistance to the less fortunate members of the human family, and trust that our remarks may render the appeals of future Stewards and others who work in the good cause easier, and the responses heartier than has been the case in past years. We feel assured that the greater publicity there is given to the work of Masonic charity—in all its forms—the less need will there be to feel there are so many worthy of assistance to whom no aid can be afforded.

As we have already stated, there are one hundred and twenty-seven applicants for admission to the Schools at the forthcoming elections—fifty-four girls and seventy-three boys. We understand that the petition of one of the latter—George Arthur Thomas, No. 34 on the list—has been withdrawn. Of this number, according to present arrangements thirty-three only can be elected, there being seventeen declared vacancies in the Girls' School, and sixteen in the Boys' School. One gleam of sunshine, however, remains. It will be remembered that at the beginning of the present year the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls sanctioned the expenditure of a sum of money for the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, and in the event of the alterations there needed being effected in time, an additional twenty-five girls will be elected—that being the number for whom accommodation is provided in the new building. As there is every probability that such will be the case, we shall base our remarks on that assumption; but at the same time would remind brethren who have the conduct of cases that it is bad policy to make sure of securing success without working for it. Even should the twenty-five additional vacancies to which we have referred be declared, there will still be some whose fate will be to be returned as unsuccessful, and failure on such occasion as this is likely to be will show weakness or indifference in the highest degree. We, therefore, anticipate the election of fifty-eight of the one hundred and twenty-six candidates still on the list, so that there is disappointment in store for sixty-eight of them—twelve girls and fifty-six boys.

As regards the candidates on the "Girls'" list, twenty-three of the fifty-four appear now for the first time, thirteen for the second, fourteen for the third, and two each for the fourth and fifth times respectively; while seven of them (Nos. 10, 27, 30, 36, 47, 48 and 49) make now the last application the rules of the School and their age will permit. Of these, No. 10, A. M. L. Stewini, one of six children left parentless, brings forward 506 votes from two previous elections. No. 27, S. M. W. Thomings, an only child, dependent on her mother, took part as a candidate at the last election, but no votes appear to have been recorded on her behalf, a fact which, although it may appear strange, augurs well, as doubtless the Province (Warwick) to which the case is accredited have the matter in hand, and having only one other case for this election will doubtless be able to return the two. No. 30, F. Riddell, has 128 votes to her credit from last April, she is one of three children left with neither father nor mother, a fact which the charity committee of Hants have doubtless taken into their consideration. The other four are each first applications. No. 36, E. M. Lewis, from Worcestershire, one of ten left fatherless; No. 47, M. O'Kell, from East Lancashire, an only child, dependent on a widowed mother; No. 48, G. E. Lee (West Yorks), one of five similarly placed, except that one is partly cared for; and No. 49, G. Ashworth, also from the Eastern Division of Lancashire, one of four children without a father. The special nature of these seven cases being last applications renders it more desirable that an extra effort should be made next month to place them on the roll of "successful."

London sends up fifteen candidates to compete for the present vacancies, ten of whom have already stood one or more contests. No. 3, E. A. Cecil, whose petition was approved prior to the alteration in the laws governing the subject, has a sister in the School, and comes forward with nearly a certainty of success on this occasion, having 1184 votes to her credit from the three previous elections in which she has taken a part. Next in order of seniority as regards number of votes in hand is No. 11, S. Riley, who has a brother in the Boys' School. From two previous attempts she has succeeded in securing a total of 751 votes, with which number she starts on the present occasion. No. 26, M. A. E. Skelton, has 655 votes to the good from April last; she is one of eight children dependent on their mother, who we sincerely hope will have her heart gladdened at this election by the success of her daughter. No. 24, R. Carey, one of six orphans similarly situated, has 515 votes brought forward from the last election, which is the only one she has taken a part in; she also stands a good chance. No. 25, A. L. Ford, appears on the list for the second time, and has 371 votes already recorded. Both her parents are living, and have to support her and one other child, which is

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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In accordance with a policy we have uniformly followed, of utilising whatever information relating to the rise and progress of individual Lodges comes in our way, we have great pleasure in reproducing from the columns of the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* a very neatly and artistically written sketch of the St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, Shields, which in the course of the present year has had the good fortune to celebrate the Centenary Anniversary of its constitution. We congratulate our brethren of that Lodge on so auspicious an event, and likewise on having found so able an exponent of its history as the writer of the articles in our Newcastle contemporary.

CENTENARY OF ST. HILDA'S LODGE, No. 240.

THE brethren of the "mystic tie" connected with St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, of South Shields, of the Grand Lodge of England, recently celebrated their festival in honour of completing the Centenary of their Lodge. In connection with the event it may be interesting to the many members of the Craft to peruse a few extracts from the Minute-Books of the Lodge—which have been carefully preserved—as showing the progress of Freemasonry in South Shields and the immediate district, and as illustrating the intimate connection between Freemasonry and many important local events.

On what is marked as page 4 of the first Minute-Book of St. Hilda's Lodge, or, as it was then called, St. Hild's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, is the following modest record of the constitution of the Lodge one hundred years ago:—"South Shields, Mar. 19th 1780. This day the Right Worshipfull Francis Peacock, Master of St. John's Lodge of Newcastle, No. 384, constituted the undernamed brethren into a regular Lodge, by the name of St. Hild's, No. 521:—Richard Forrest W.M., Jas. Pletts S.W., Wm. Bolam J.W., Treasurer; Roger Whitfield, Secretary, Edward Giles, John Smith, Stewards." The only addition to this all-important inauguration are the following names of those who were present:—James Simpson, William Tate, Thomas Stephenson, Roger Todd, and James Harrison; and the following who as visitors graced the ceremony:—Francis Peacock, Samuel Wilson, William Anderson, and Ralph Brown, from St. John's Lodge. Such is the brief and bald chronicle which is handed down to us of what, according to the ritual and requirements of the present age, is a beautiful, imposing, and strikingly suggestive ceremonial. The severe curtness of the first Secretary (Roger Whitfield) of St. Hilda's Lodge leaves us entirely free to picture to ourselves, according as our respective imaginations may direct, the nature, extent, and meaning of the ceremony which one hundred years ago was duly performed in the furtherance and spread of the tenets of the ancient Brotherhood. If it must be accepted as a truism, that "brevity is the soul of wit," then Roger Whitfield and his immediate successors in the Secretaryship of St. Hilda's Lodge must have been endowed with a more than ordinary share of that brilliant faculty. Anything more brief than the early minutes of the Lodge it would be difficult to produce. For example, it is recorded on the top of the following page that an extra night was held on 22nd March 1780, at which Richard Forrest the W.M. and the before-mentioned Officers, with three other brethren, were present. The business of this extra meeting is quaintly described as follows:—"By the order of the Worshipful Master we have met this evening, when Matthew Hepple was proposed, and unanimously agreed upon by the brethren present to make the said Matthew Hepple free gratis for Tyler, which is accordingly done." On April 5th, one hundred years ago, was held the first General Lodge, at which James Forrest, the first "poor candidate"—after Hepple, the Tyler—was balloted for, and duly admitted as a fit person to be made a Mason. The simple entry of Forrest's admittance is closed up by the significant note:—Accordingly, ten shillings and sixpence deposited." On April 19th was held a Masters' Lodge, at which, by order of the Worshipful Master, it was agreed—"as our Tyler was not passed and raised and (therefore was appointed a night previous to pass and raise) being our first meeting and not a convenient to pass and raise him that night." This entry is somewhat confusing, but by the minutes of an extra Lodge, held on 23rd April, it is clear that it was not convenient to make Heppel a Master Mason on the 19th, and accordingly he was pased and raised to a Master Mason on the 23rd. According to these old minutes, it is evident that the Officers constituting the Lodge were not so numerous as in the present time, for we find no mention made of the Deacons or Inner Guard, to say nothing of the I.P.M., Chaplain, D. of C., or Organist. The List merely comprised the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, the Secretary and Stewards. The Stewards were evidently more important officials in the times of our forefathers than now, and must have occupied the position and enjoyed the powers of present Deacons: for we find them carrying out the commands of the W.M. when indecorum was manifested by some of the brethren. On the 7th of June, Cuthbert Dawson was put to the ballot for admission, "but was not thought a fit person to be made—three balls against him." Why Cuthbert Dawson was deemed unworthy is, of course, not mentioned, but the entry shows that the ancient brethren were very circumspect, and were not afraid to act independently, for the candidate was nominated by no less a person than the W.M. Richard Forrest. The Lodge on the 9th of June was an important meeting, and must have been constituted the annual Lodge, for we find that on this night it was unanimously agreed and thought fit to meet on every Wednesday in the month, to have the benefit of a lecture. This is a practice from which many Masons would benefit at the present day. Then comes the following interesting minute:—"Also agreeable to our Bye-Laws a Master was balloted for. The Worshipful Master put up Bro. James Pletts accordingly. He was balloted for—2 for him and 6 against him. Also Bro. William Bolam was put up by Bro. James Pletts and balloted for, when not one vote was found for him. Also Bro. Wm. Tate, put up by Wm. Bolam with the consent of the brethren, was balloted for, and a majority of 7 to 1 was found in his favour. He was appointed Master for the ensuing year." This would indicate that in those early days there was not that perfect "love and harmony" prevailing which should always characterise Masonic gatherings, but the somewhat disagreeable impressions caused by the balloting are dispelled on turning to the subsequent minutes, where we find Bros. Pletts and Bolam remaining in their chairs, respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens. On the 21st March 1781, the first anniversary of the Lodge, an unfortunate occurrence is recorded. This night's minutes are written—as were those for two or three nights previously—by Bro. Thomas Bowman, as Deputy Secretary. At the close of the record for the night is the line:—"Brother Roger Whitfield suspended for indecorum."

What is termed the "dedication" of St. Hilda's Lodge took place on 17th April 1781—Wm. Tate W.M. This must have been regarded as a high festival, for in addition to a long muster roll of members present there were numbers of brethren visiting from the Industry Lodge, Swalwell, No. 48; the Golden Lion Lodge, No. 169; the St. John's Lodge, No. 184; brethren of the 10th Regiment, No. 299; St. Nicolas' Lodge, No. 313; Sea Captains' Lodge; and the Syon Lodge, No 314. As a visitor that night from the Syon Lodge appears the name of Brother Roddam—a name which is now so well known in connection with the Lodges of South Shields, North Shields, and Jarrow. At a Masters' Lodge on the night of 20th June 1781, we find this entry:—"By the desire and consent of the members present, a committee was chosen to add a clause to the Bye Laws, to authorise this Lodge to agree with some brother of abilities to attend the General and Master Lodge nights for the benefits of the lectures." The early members of the Lodge were manifestly anxious about becoming fully conversant with the precepts and the manifold beauties of the Craft. This committee reported at the following general Lodge, held on 4th July, when the required Bye Law, authorising the Lodge to obtain a lecturing master to attend the Lodge occasionally, was "laid before the present brethren for, and which met with, their approbation." This notification is immediately followed by another equally quaintly worded:—"By a commote it was agreed to propose to Brother Cook of Sunderland, our intention and agree (if willing) with him for the above purpose." On 1st August we find mention made of a Bro. Henry Bleaber, of St. Bede's Lodge, as a visitor. This was a Lodge named after the Venerable Bede, and was held in the parish of Jarrow, South Shields; but it seems that soon after this mention, the Lodge of St. Bede's ceased to exist in South Shields. Subsequently, about 13 or 14 years ago, a new St. Bede's Lodge was established at Jarrow, and is now in a flourishing condition. In the minutes of the Masters' Lodge night, held 19th September 1781, there is an entry which now seems strange to us. It is:—"Brother Monkman, by his own desire, stands candidate for the Herodian Degree." This degree, it seems, was intermediate between a Fellow Craft and a M.M. During the months over which the minutes from which these extracts are made extended, the attendance at the Lodges slowly increased, until at the beginning of 1782 the number of brethren present varies from 10 to 11. The attendance, however, at the Festival Commemoration on 2nd April 1782—at which only 17 brethren supported the then W.M., Brother Robert Todd—seems ot have been far from satisfactory. In addition to the record of those present at the festival is appended this entry:—"Resolved, that the sense of ye brethren be taken on ye next general Lodge night, to appoint some regular mode for fining brethren absent on festival days." The subject of the fines is resumed in the following month, 1st May, in this way:—"This night a commitee of ye following brethren were appointed to draw up a By Law for a more satisfactory mode of asserting a legal method of collecting fines on absent brethren on festival days, to limit the expense of tickets, and also the time of absent brethren not appearing in the Lodge entitled to summons without being excluded." Here follow the names of the committee. So far as the minutes of the meeting show, the matter would seem to drop here, but by a cash statement at the end of the first book of minutes fining for absence from the Lodge as well as festivals appears to have been a regular practice, the fines varying from 9d to 3d, according to the status of the brother. From the accounts referred to there is evidence likewise that the brethren, after transacting their business in the Lodge, devoted the remainder of the evening to refreshments, which were paid for out of a common fund contributed to by the members, and to which the fines were devoted. If the money in hand was not sufficient to meet the refreshment account, each member present was called upon to "buck up" until the required amount was realised. On the night of 19th June 1782, the harmony in the lodge seems to have been seriously disturbed: "This night Bro. Shepherd's behaviour was of such a nature as to require admonishment from ye the then present Master, but he refusing to make such restitution for such offence, he still stands censurable for ye same untill his next appearance in ye Lodge." Bro. Shepherd was not penitent until 8th October 1782, when "a Lodge was called ye night to rectify some disputes relative to an occurrence of 19th June 1782, when due restitution was made by Bro. Jas. Shepherd, &c., &c." The "&c., &c." may be taken to imply forgiveness of the W.M. and brethren, for, on the 16th of October Bro. Jas. Shepherd appears as one of the Stewards. A side note to the minutes of 4th June 1783 gives us a glimpse into the inner life of the Lodges of the past century:—"This 4th of June 1783, by general consent, it was agreed that the expense of Lodge night shall in future not exceed 6d to each brother. Absent brethren fined as follows:—W.M., being absent 30 minutes after the time mentioned in his summons 6d, and absent ye whole night 1s; Wardens, being absent 30 minutes after ye time of their summons 3d, if ye whole night, 6d; all other brethren being absent 30 minutes after ye time mentioned in their summons 3d, if ye whole night 3d."

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Thus the affairs progressed with little or nothing of moment until 4th January 1787, when the question of the fines once more cropped up in this wise:—"It is this night agreed that every brother who has not paid his fine, and is not agreeable to pay his fines which are now due, be excluded this Lodge, and treated as a visiting brother." Evidently in those days our brethren did not treat visiting brethren with the same courtesy and hospitality common to this era, else the penalty above quoted would not have been any punishment. On 1st February 1787, St. Hilda's Lodge received as a visitor from St. Bede's Lodge, South Shields, Bro. Greathead. After visiting regularly three or four months, Henry Greathead—afterwards known as joint claimant with Willie Wouldhave as the inventor of the lifeboat—became a member of St. Hilda's Lodge, and officiated as Officer in various capacities, and notably as Secretary, from June 1787 to 19th May 1789, when he was appointed J.W. In the latter year is the first record of St. Hilda's interesting itself in the great Masonic Charities. On 21st July 1789 is the following minute:—"This night it is agreed that 10s 6d shall be paid, on the 30th inst., to the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Charity Fund, and that Bro. Lee shall attend the P.G.L. on that day to represent the S.W." The affairs of the Lodge progress during the subsequent years, with nothing of note transpiring to mar its prosperity. St. Hilda's Lodge gradually increased in membership and funds; and the fact that the Officers were advancing in knowledge of the working of the Craft is made manifest by the minutes of the general Lodge night—2nd Oct. 1788—wherein it is recorded:—"That this night it was agreed that Bro. Wright (Lecture Master), of Sunderland, do cease to attend, except on a night appointed for a Herodian or higher Order." Up to that time Bro. Wright had been especially engaged to come over from Sunderland on Lodge nights to deliver the lectures to the brethren. Bro. Joseph Bulmer, the W.M. at this time, and for four years following, evidently had worked himself up, and was able to deliver the several lectures in the Craft degrees, and did so, according to the minutes, between 1788 and 1792. In the latter year Brother Bulmer was succeeded in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Paul Lee, who also delivered the lectures. The brethren, as is to be expected in a seaport Lodge, were troubled by the non-attendance and irregular attendance of some of the members, in spite of the elaborate array of fines that were from time to time drawn up. Bro. Bulmer just mentioned obtains an unenviable notoriety in the subjoined minute, dated General Lodge night, 5th July 1792:—"It is hereby enacted"—Bro. Thos. Wilson, the then Secretary, adopts a legal mode of diction—"that all members shall be fined for being behind the hour of opening the Lodge, for which offence Bro. Bulmer is the first, and has this night paid the sum of 3d." Here is a minute entered on 20th November 1794, which recalls the stirring history of the period:—"By the motion of the Right W.M. (Bro. Bulmer), Bro. Robinson, a member of this Lodge, and now in the French prison, it was unanimously agreed that one guinea be immediately paid to Mrs. Robinson out of the Pedestal [the said pedestal being the treasury of the Lodge in those days], and also a collection made by the brethren, when 18s was given for the benefit of Bro. Robinson's family." Sunderland Bridge was opened in 1796 with Masonic honours, and that the brethren of St. Hilda's took part is testified by the subjoined quaint minute, dated the 7th July 1796:—"Be it remembered, that in pursuance of a letter received from the Worshipful Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, it is agreed that the Worshipful Master and Wardens attend at the Sea Captain's Lodge (Sunderland), on Thursday next, at 11 in the forenoon, in order to acquiesce in the forming of the rules of the mode of the procession intended to be held at the opening of the Bridge." The end of 1797 seems to mark a change in the constitution of St. Hilda's, for on the 16th of November a special meeting of the members was held to consider the best mode of ensuring a good attendance in the Lodge in the future. At this meeting there seems to have been only seven members present. However, the following important resolutions were agreed to:—"1st. That from henceforth every subscribing member to this Lodge shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer for the time being the sum of 10s per annum, which said sum of 10s shall be paid in four equal quarterly payments, the first payment to be made on the 7th December next. 2nd. That the fines now due to the Lodge shall be recovered by the Secretary, but in future no member shall be fined for non-attendance except at the Festival. 3rd. That every member refusing to pay his quarterage when due shall be expelled." These resolutions were unanimously agreed to at the subsequent regular meeting, but the list of attendances did not apparently improve very materially. Under date of 2nd March 1812 appears, for the first time in the minutes, George Potts—a name never to be forgotten by the members of St. Hilda's Lodge. Bro. Potts officiated as J.W. on that occasion, on subsequent Lodge nights as Deputy Senior Warden, so that it may be assumed that the venerable brother was already a good Mason when his name first appeared on the books of the Lodge. On the 13th of April in the same year we find Bro. Potts proposing Mr. Wm. Clay—another name connected with Shields history—as a candidate. At this period St. Hilda's was a flourishing Lodge, the attendances having more than doubled, and the membership having largely augmented. The average attendances were now over 20, and the subscribing members numbered 39. The original number of St. Hilda's Lodge was 521; at the Union of the Grand Lodges Ancient and Modern, on the 27th December 1813, this number was changed to 440; again, in 1832, when a general alteration of numbers took place throughout all the Lodges, St. Hilda's was further reduced to 292; and lastly, in 1863, when another general alteration took place, the number was placed at 240, at which it remains at present.

The Installation Meeting of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was held on Thursday. Bro. J. G. Defriez was installed by Bro. Lazarus, the outgoing Master. Full report in our next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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APPLICANTS FOR OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me through your columns to ask the brethren to examine the detailed accounts of the parents of those seeking to be admitted, and I think that they will be fairly amazed to find that out of fifty-four applicants for the Girls' School only twelve of the fathers have done anything at all for Masonry, while in the Boys' list matters are far worse, for out of seventy-three candidates only ten have done anything for the Institutions. Now these things ought not to be. I find the average number of years subscription to their Lodges as follow:—for the girls $9 \times 54 = 486$, Boys $7\frac{1}{2} \times 73 = 547\frac{1}{2}$. So that had each of these Brothers subscribed only £1 a year the Institution would have benefited by the sum of £1,033 10s, and nobody would have begrudged doing more to assist; but when, time after time, as the lists come round these facts stare one in the face, it is enough almost to make one hold one's hand, especially when we find brethren who have been ten, fifteen, twenty, up to thirty years' subscribing members of Lodges, yet have given no further sign of interest. It would be very hard and un-Masonic to turn the cold shoulder to the widows and orphans of brothers, though in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the mothers are as much to blame as the fathers, for if they used their influence they could always make their husbands, if they did not themselves, subscribe to what might at any time be of ulterior benefit to themselves or their children. Lastly, let us see what a £1 ahead subscription of 1,250 Lodges with 25 members in each would bring in, viz., £31,250, a fact sufficient to induce every brother to give at least so much towards the Order of which he is, or ought to be, proud to be a member.

Yours fraternally,

V.P.

MORE LITIGATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have drawn attention to the litigation pending between Bro. Wilson and the Boys' School. I follow your good example, and abstain from saying a word about the merits of the difference, but I think with you that Bro. Wilson has been badly used, and, as you say, has "good-naturedly allowed himself to be bandied about from pillar to post, in the vain hope that the House Committee, being at length actuated by a sense of reason, as well as by a desire to avoid a trial and the attendant evils, would agree to accept his account." Bro. Wilson, as an architect, knows the etiquette as well as the usages of his profession. Can the same be said of the House Committee? What do they know of architecture and its charges, or the labour which justifies those charges? Any one can check a bill of groceries by the price current, or a butcher's or baker's bill by the contract or market prices. How many among us could tell if an architect's prices are legitimate or not, and yet Bro. Wilson has not only submitted his account, with a due sense of responsibility as an honourable man and an architect, but has also expressed his readiness to abide by the decision, as to its justice or injustice, of one of the most eminent members of his own profession? Could any man with an atom of self-respect have offered to do more than this? Bro. Wilson, I believe, is a Vice-President of the Institution, which he is virtually, if not in so many words, accused of overcharging, and his willingness to abide by any reasonable decision should have been received with greater consideration than it seems to have commanded.

It will cost the members of the House Committee, individually or collectively, nothing to fight their battle with Bro. Wilson, but it may cost the Institution some hundreds of pounds, and assuredly it will be landed, as you suggest, in some expense. And all this trouble and annoyance and waste of money might have been avoided with a little management, not on the part of Bro. Wilson, who seems to have been ready to do anything reasonable, but on that of the House Committee who seem to have resisted, if they have not resented, each and all of his friendly advances.

Fraternally yours,

CORPORAL TRIM.

A CASE OF DISTRESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The widow of a Mason who was for many years a subscribing member to a Scotch Lodge, now residing in Croydon, is in very distressed circumstances. She is a person of good education and unexceptionable character. Of late she has obtained a living as ladies' nurse, but her age and indifferent health are now obstacles to employment in that or any capacity. The case having come under my notice, I inquired as to whether she was eligible for the Freemasons' Asylum at Croydon? and was informed she was not, by reason of her late husband having belonged only to a Scotch Lodge. Will you or any of your numerous subscribers inform me if

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this be correct? If so, whether any other means of relief is available for her in England?

The particulars of the case I would gladly furnish to any brother who would kindly take an interest in it.

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL LEE RYMER.

Whitgift House, Croydon, 15th September 1880.

[If our correspondent will kindly be at the pains of addressing himself to Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 4 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., he will obtain all the information he can possibly desire. Or, if he prefer calling in person at the offices, as directed, Bro. Terry will receive him with his usual courtesy, and satisfactorily answer all questions. In a deserving case, we do not imagine our correspondent or any other brother, on making due representations in the proper quarter, will find any difficulty in obtaining temporary assistance for a distressed friend. Bro. Buss, the obliging Assistant Grand Secretary, will give him the requisite information. Our brother's ignorance of the laws governing the admission of male and female candidates to the benefits of our Masonic Benevolent Institution is excusable, as, from the non-appearance of his name in the list of its subscribers, we presume he has not given it much of his consideration. However, as the poor lady in question is the widow of a Scotch brother, we would suggest to our correspondent that he should place himself in communication with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh. Bro. Murray Lyon, who fills that office, will doubtless answer all questions with the least possible delay, and, if necessary, direct our brother as to the course he should pursue in the circumstances.—ED. F.C.]

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some few weeks since one F. A. T——, of Loyal Victoria Lodge, 557, Callington, called on me, and is doubtless the same person alluded to by "SECRETARY 804." It would, perhaps, be interesting to those who have relieved him to know what the Secretary of 557 may have to say about him.

The "Begging Mason" is becoming an intolerable nuisance to members of country Lodges; it is, I think, quite time that Grand Lodge took the matter into consideration, and devised some remedy. I have not the slightest doubt but that 99 per cent. of these persons are impostors; they most frequently have no certificate, and when they have one it is seldom possible to decipher the signature.

If some arrangement could be made that the Almoner or some other Officer of the Lodge giving relief should report the case to the Secretary of the Lodge to which the applicant professes to belong, it would then be an easy matter to give a warning when necessary, through the Masonic Press.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. 1410.

[We do not see how Grand Lodge can devise a remedy which will effectually dispose of that "intolerable nuisance" the "begging Mason." The utmost it can do is to enjoin caution on its subordinate Lodges, which are all liable to have applications for assistance made to them. But the character and extent of the caution that is exercised will necessarily depend on the discretion of the Lodge applied to. One poor brother may have lost or mislaid his certificate; another who it may be finds himself for the moment in a "pecuniary "fix," may have left it at home, but, in any case, it is possible to prove the applicant is a Mason, and it would be harsh indeed to suggest that unless he can then and there produce evidence of his reputability, he should be sent away empty. Our correspondent's suggestion that, in every case where relief is administered it should be reported "to the Lodge to which the applicant professes to belong," seems to be about the best we can think of to meet the undoubted evil of which he complains.—ED. F.C.]

STATUS OF P.M.'s OF FOREIGN LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A question has arisen among us which perhaps may be of interest to others as well as the Lodge to whom it particularly applies.

In the case of a P.M. of a Foreign Lodge, joining a Lodge under the English Constitution, does he retain his rank, or is he returned to Grand Lodge as M.M. only?

Yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

[A P.M., of a *Foreign* Lodge (Foreign Constitution), joining an English Lodge, would take no rank in the Lodge he joins (as a P.M.), but would, if he had *regularly served* the office of Master, be eligible to be present at installation meetings, &c., but not to be returned to Grand Lodge as a P.M.—ED. F.C.]

A MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will "LIVE AND LET LIVE" be so kind as to inform us which are the Rites, High Grades, Christian Degrees, "or whatever in the name of wonder their promoters choose to call them" that "were in full working order for half a century before the 'Constitutions,' drawn up at the Union were known?" I believe the idea that the Ancient and Supreme Scottish Rite originated with Frederick the Great of Prussia has long since been exploded. The Royal Arch, according to D'Assigny, dates back to about 1744, but then that was recognised by the Union as a part of pure Ancient Freemasonry, and I doubt if sufficient is known of the Mark Degree to fix its origin with any amount of certainty. Moreover, the attempt made about a quarter of a century since to incorporate it with the degrees of Masonry as recognised by the Constitutions proved unsuccessful; Grand Lodge, at the instance of certain among its most distinguished members, entertaining conscientious objections to disturbing the bases of the Union, though at the same time it went so far as to acknowledge the degree had certain merits of its own. We often read of Templar Masons having taken part in procession with Craft and Arch Masons, during the closing quarter of the last century, and I suspect Dunckerley had much to do with the establishment of the Order in this country. "LIVE AND LET LIVE," however, should give us something definite in the shape of information on these points. Moreover, if they were in existence as far back as he states, does that prove anything, when we know that even the slight connection which once may have existed between these degrees and Craft Masonry has been long since broken off? It is not so very long since—the case is mentioned by Oliver—that a brother of position in one of the Provinces was deprived of his rank for having worn Templar clothing at a meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge (Craft). I have had the privilege of inspecting the minutes of many Lodge books, and I have noticed mention of the Mark degree, in several instances, but even the wearing of a Mark jewel in a Craft Lodge is now bad form, and contrary to the Constitutions. The fact is our Side and High Degrees are eminently reputable and interesting, but they are not Masonry.

Can "LIVE AND LET LIVE" be serious when he asks for a copy of the Ritual of the "grade called the *Knights of the Mystic Square Circle*," which are not to be found in "the Lexicons of Bros. Kenning, Mackenzie, and Mackey?" Bro. "H." has been poking a little harmless fun at the High Grades or Christian degrees, or "whatever in the name of wonder their promoters choose to call them."

I yield to none in my desire to "LIVE AND LET LIVE," but I confess I am also anxious to

LIVE AND LEARN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your last issue, re-addressed to me from town, was literally a "sea-side number," not the least amusing of its items being the comical letter signed "LIVE AND LET LIVE."

Are there "two Richmonds in the field?" or is alliteration contagious and misrepresentation a catching complaint? We are accustomed to these in a quarter which shall be nameless, but to what are we indebted for their introduction into your columns? Unless your correspondent is compiling a lexicon, based on his personal feelings, it is difficult to follow his several definitions:—to write a letter is "to lose temper;" to object to legal proceedings in connection with a Masonic Lodge is "to become vicious in tone;" to attempt a joke is "to mistake abuse for wit," and produce "obnoxious and unsavoury" reading; to tell the truth is "to throw mud;" to quote a few words from our laws is "garbling the Constitutions;" in short, to think or write anything not previously approved by "L. and L. L." is a proof of "bad taste," "ignorance," "foolishness," "lack of good breeding," "absence of knowledge," &c. If so, it must be so; but I hope to be excused from going to "L. and L. L." for "pity and compassion," or from furnishing copy of the ritual he has been searching for, until I have completed my annual holiday, the enjoyment of which has been much enhanced by a perusal, during a shower, of the funny-osity by "Live and Let Live."

Yours truly and fraternally,

H.

VOIGT *v.* TREVOR AND OTHERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Defendant Bro. Trevor in this case has stated, both in your journal and also in that of your contemporary, that his costs will amount to £150. May I ask him to inform your readers—as I think they have a right to demand the information before responding to his appeal for help—how he has come by his knowledge in this respect? Have the costs in the matter been duly taxed? If not, would it not look more decent in the defendant to wait until this is done and the exact amount ascertained, before he proceeds with his present premature request?

I think that this question should be answered in a satisfactory and explicit manner before any assistance is given to Bro. Trevor in the matter. It certainly seems to me to be an undignified mode of

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proceeding, this appeal to charity, after an action at law (which, by the jury's verdict, was evidently a proper one to be brought by the plaintiff) has been fairly lost and won.

Yours fraternally,

A SOLICITOR AND A MASON.

THE UN-MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If "LOOKER-ON," who writes in your last issue, or any one else who wishes for information, will only ratify the good faith of their communications by subscribing thereto their *real name and address*. I shall have great pleasure in answering question with reference to my conduct in regard to the circumstances which led to the late "Un-Masonic Trial" at Leeds. But I cannot condescend to reply to shots from behind a hedge, notwithstanding the imputed friendliness of him who thus fires at me.

Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR P.M., P.Z., &c. &c.

120 Highgate, Kendal,
14th September 1880.

AN APPEAL TO THE CRAFT.

Bro. Voigt v. Bros. Carr, Trevor, and Laking.

THIS very un-Masonic Action was tried at Leeds on the 10th Aug. last, before Mr. Justice Bowen and a common jury, for libel alleged to be contained in a circular (issued according to regulation) by the W.M. (Bro. Carr) and the Secretary (Bro. Laking), two of the defendants, to the members of Lodge Alexandra, No. 1511, Hornsea, which embodied a motion by the other defendant (Bro. Trevor) for the exclusion from the Lodge of the plaintiff (Bro. Voigt)—see reports of the trial in the *Times* of 12th August and the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st August last. On the 9th February 1877, a few days after his exclusion, the plaintiff served the defendants with notice of this action, *without any remonstrance with them or the Lodge, or appeal of any sort to higher Masonic authority*. But in consequence of the order made a few months later by Mr. Justice Field, before whom his demurrer was heard in the Queen's Bench, that the case "should stand over to go before the Grand Master," the plaintiff appealed to his Provincial Grand Master, Lord Zetland, who *declined to interfere with the sentence of exclusion passed against him by the Lodge*. He did not, however, withdraw the legal proceedings he had instituted against the defendants, and ultimately obtained a verdict with "One Farthing" damages.

Seeing that this Action has been brought in open defiance of all Masonic principles and law, I earnestly appeal to the Fraternity at large, to assist me in defraying the very heavy costs of the defence, which fall chiefly on me, and will amount to £150 at the least, and which I am quite unable to bear without their fraternal and liberal help.

TUDOR TREVOR,
Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41,
New Temple Preceptory, No. 117,
P.M. P.Z. P.E.C. 30 deg. &c. &c.

120 Highgate, Kendal, 6th September 1880.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held on Wednesday next, 22nd inst., at the Public Hall, Runcorn, under the direction of the Rt. Hon. Lord De Tabley Prov. Grand Master. A Committee Meeting of the Fund of Benevolence of the Province will be held the same day at 12.30, when the various Petitions before the Province, either for pecuniary relief or otherwise will be considered and decided on. Among the business which will require attention in Prov. G. Lodge is a notice of motion proposed by Bro. John Wood P.G.S.W. to the following effect:—

"That from the Funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge the sum of 100 Guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows,—50 Guineas to each Fund,—thereby giving the R.W. the P.G. Master of Cheshire—Vice-Patron of the Institution—30 Votes at each Election."

This very material addition to the funds of the R.M. Benevolent Institution will we have no doubt be unanimously agreed to, and will prove another instance of the liberality of the brethren of this district. At 2 o'clock the brethren will walk in procession to the Parish Church, where Divine Service will be held. After the Sermon a collection will be made in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence. After the closing of Prov. Grand Lodge a banquet will be held at the National Schools, tickets for which will be obtainable from the P.G. Stewards at the Hall. We hope to have the pleasure of attending and taking part in what promises to be a pleasant gathering.

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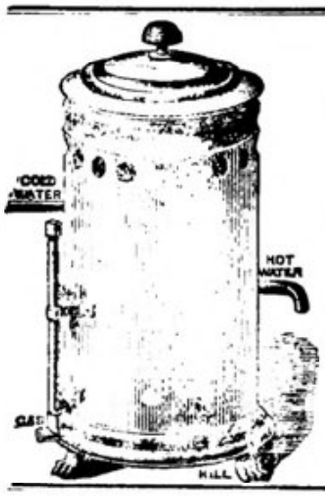
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 8th instant, the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Trowbridge, on the invitation of the Chapter of Harmony, 682. The M.E. the Provincial Grand Superintendent the Rt. Hon. Lord Henry F. Thynne, M.P., in opening the proceedings expressed his regret that, owing to various circumstances, it had not been practicable to hold the meeting earlier in the season, as the comparatively small attendance of the Companions showed that the day fixed was an inconvenient one. He was happy however in every other respect to be able to congratulate the Companions, more especially on the fact that the Treasurer reported a good balance in hand on the Charity Fund account. The usual routine business was transacted, including the report of the Charity Committee, who recommended that the balance in Treasurer's hands on the Charity Account should not be appropriated until after the discussion of the question of establishing a Provincial Benevolent Fund, which was to come before the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Craft Lodge. This recommendation was unanimously approved. The M.E. Superintendent appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

Robert Stokes	Chapter 586	Prov. G.H.
William Nott	„ 682	Prov. G.J.
Henry C. Tombs	„ 355	Prov. G.S.E.
Samuel Gauntlett	„ 632	Prov. G.S.N.
William Nott	„ 632	Prov. G.Treas.
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Alfred Plummer	„ 355	Prov. G.Reg.
John Chandler	„ 355	Prov. G.D.C.
John Savory	„ 355	Prov. G.Jan.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been duly closed, the Companions adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, including a liberal contribution of venison and game from the M.E. Comp. Lord H. F. Thynne.

HAMER CHAPTER, No. 1393.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 9th Sept. There were present—Comps. J. Houlding M.E.Z., R. H. Evans P.Z., H. Jackson P.Z., J. S. Russell P.Z., Thos. Sammons H., John McCarthy J., J. Penton P.S., Rev. R. T. Leslie A.S., Dr. Pitts, H. Henderson, W. C. Erwin S.E., R. L. Stockton, R. Reader and J. Lyons. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers, exalted Bros. D. Gaudin 1620, D. Oliphant 249, and J. W. Saldart 1547. The impressive and beautiful ceremony was most excellently performed. This being the night of installation, Comp. T. Sampson was installed to the chair of first Principal, McCarthy to the second, and J. Penton to the third. The ceremony was ably carried out by Comp. H. Jackson P.Z. The other Officers appointed were Comp. W. C. Erwin S.E. for the third time, Rev. R. T. Leslie S.N., Dr. Pitts P.S., J. Houlding Treasurer, Williams Janitor. The Auditors gave their report of the Treasurer's accounts for the year, which was very satisfactory, and was unanimously passed. This completing the business, the Chapter was duly closed. The Companions then adjourned to a banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given by the M.E.Z. with commendable brevity, and duly honoured. Comp. R. H. Evans P.G.P.S. responded in a very eloquent speech for P.G. Chapter and Officers. Dr. Pitts P.S. proposed the health of M.E.Z. and chiefs, which was heartily received. The M.E.Z. said he heartily thanked Dr. Pitts for the complimentary manner in which his health had been proposed, and the handsome reception it had experienced at the hands of all present. He also assured the Companions that he highly appreciated the honour conferred upon him by appointing him the first Principal of the Chapter, and would do his best to merit their confidence by prompt attention and diligence to the duties. He went on to say that he required no better example than that of his predecessors; and in endeavouring to walk in their footsteps, he felt confident he would not fail in giving that amount of satisfaction which they had a right to expect. In conclusion, he added that nothing should be wanting on his part to keep the Chapter in the same good order and position for which it has been noted in the past. Companion H. said he endorsed all that the M.E.Z. had said, and would do his best to assist in the Chapter work. Companion J. felt proud of the position to which he had been appointed, and nothing should be wanting on his part to further the interests of the Chapter. The health of the P.Z.'s was proposed, and responded to by Comp. Houlding. Comp. Penton proposed the health of the Installing Officer, complimenting him on the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony. Comp. Jackson responded in a very eloquent speech, saying it always gave him great pleasure to assist in R.A. Masonry, and he would be willing at all times to render any

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help he might be called upon to give. The health of the Officers of Hamer Chapter was proposed and severally responded to. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the new exaltees; and he felt sure he was expressing the sentiments of every Companion present when he tendered to them a hearty welcome to the Hamer Chapter and Companionship, and hoped they would be long spared to join in friendship. After a suitable response from the exalted, the Chapter separated until the first Thursday in November.

Harmony Chapter, No. 220, Garston.—The regular convocation and installation meeting of this ancient Chapter was held at the Wellington Hotel, on Thursday, the 9th September. There were present Comps. T. B. Myers M.E.Z., Thos. Roberts P.Z. 673 as H., John Hughes J., supported by a good muster of Officers and Companions, and a number of influential Visitors, among whom were Comps. P. J. Edelsten P.Z. 148 P.G.S.B., Hugh Williams P.Z. 580 and 1094 P.P.G.S.B., W. T. May P.Z. 220 and 673, Jos. Skeaf P.Z. 216 P.G.O., J. W. Ballard Z. 823, John Hayes Z. 594, W. Brackenbury J. 673, Edward Paull 1356, Thomas Hatton 203, &c. &c. After confirmation of the minutes of the previous convocation, Comp. May addressed the Principals elect and installed them in an impressive manner—Thos. Roberts (P.Z. 673) M.E.Z., John Hughes H., Samuel Tickle J. E. Comp. Roberts then proceeded to invest T. B. Myers I.P.Z., Robt. Pearson P.Z. Treas., T. F. Hill P.S., E. Humphries S.E., H. Hatch S.N. The M.E.Z. proposed two brethren for exaltation at the next convocation, after which the Companions adjourned to a substantial banquet, tastefully provided by the host, Comp. Wood. The customary toasts were proposed and heartily received, and a very agreeable evening was spent, enlivened by the harmony supplied by Comps. Skeaf, Hatton, Jacobs, &c.

St. Barnabas Chapter, No. 948.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th Sept., at the Chapter Rooms, Linslade. Comps. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Prov. G.H. Berks and Bucks M.E.Z., W. J. Cawdell as H., Mickley as J., Poynter Scribe E., J. McCubbin Scribe N., McDowall Princ. Soj., Sandall 1st Assist.-Soj., Knight 2nd Assist.-Soj. Fountaine P.Z. Treas., Gibbs Janitor. After the Chapter had been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Elections of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year was the only business before the Chapter. The ballot resulted as follows:—Comps. Mickley as M.E.Z., Fountaine P.Z. as H., Cawdell P.Z. as J., Poynter P.Z. as Scribe E., McCubbin P.Z. as Scribe N. Comp. McDowall was re-elected Princ. Soj. and Comp. Fountaine Treasurer. Nothing further offering, the Chapter was closed.

MARK MASONRY.

St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 97.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th Sept., at Linslade. Present—Bros. W. J. Cawdell W.M., Henry Poynter S.W., Jas. McCubbin P.M. as J.W., G. Mickley acting Sec., B. T. Fountaine Treas., A. McDowall M.O., A. H. Sandall S.O., E. C. Knight I.G., G. Gibbs Tyler. P.M. Bro. V.W. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain England. Visitor—Bro. G. Mickley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read. The W.M. vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Brownrigg, who proceeded to instal Bro. H. Poynter W.M. elect. In due course the questions were answered, and a Board of Installed Masters formed. Bro. Poynter was then duly installed into the chair of A., and the Past Masters greeted him in the usual manner. The brethren were re-admitted, and they greeted the new W.M. as M.M.M.'s. The following were the Officers invested, viz., Bros. Cawdell I.P.M., Rest (by proxy) S.W., McDowall J.W., Fountaine Treas., Sandall M.O., Knight S.O., J. McCubbin P.M. as J.O., Howell P.M. Sec. and Reg. The Installing Master gave the addresses to the Wardens, Overseers, and the brethren generally. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cawdell, and a vote of thanks to Rev. Bro. Brownrigg.

St. John's Lodge (Time Immemorial), Bolton.—The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 9th Sept., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton; Present: Bros. Jas. Deeley W.M., W. H. Alcock S.W., Israel A. Greenhalgh J.W., Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G. Master, John Alcock P. Prov. G. Deacon, John Harwood P. Prov. G. Deacon, James Newton P.P.G. Inspector of Works, Thos. Morris P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Jas Allen, Hy. Tattersall, Jno. F. Skelton, Jas. Corbett, Jno. Partington, Beckett, and others. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Care I.P.M. 730, Chorley, who had been previously elected, was advanced to the degree by Bro. Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G. Master. Bro. W. H. Alcock S.W. P. Prov. G. Steward was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Three candidates for advancement were proposed, and the Lodge was closed at 7.15 p.m.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association held its monthly meeting at the Portugal, Fleet-street, on Friday last, and it was then announced by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. W. Snelling, that the amount of subscriptions up to the end of August was £1,002 19s, and that, through the medium of the Association, nearly 200 members have been made Life Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Charities. The Association is a permanent one, and brethren may join at any time, without payment of back subscriptions. A prospectus of the Association will be forwarded on application to Bro. Snelling. The entrance fee is 1s, and the subscription 4s per month.

Obituary.

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BRO. EDWARD COX.

THE Masonic career of Bro. Edward Cox has yet to be written, but his demise, on Wednesday, calls for a few observations which will show how great is the loss the Fraternity has sustained. It was not only as a thorough worker of Masonic ritual that he obtained a distinguished name among the brethren, though in that particular he had few equals, and no superiors. It was more particularly as an active expositor of Masonic principles that he was known not to Freemasons only, but to persons outside the Craft. These latter were constantly in contact with him in the five elections to the Masonic Charities which take place every year, and they always found in him a gentleman who was never tired of listening to their appeals, and who was ever ready to forward the cause they had in hand. The demand on his time which the candidates for the Charities made was very great, but although he was much occupied in business matters, he managed to spare sufficient leisure to secure the return of any candidate whose case he took up. His activity and energy were unbounded, and these were not confined to advancing the interests of any poor Mason or widow, or the male or female orphans of brethren. Into the inner working of the Masonic Institutions he looked with a keen eye, and it could not be said of him that he had not the courage of his opinions. Wherever he saw there might be what, in his judgment, was an improvement, he manfully laid that judgment before his brethren, and sustained it by arguments which were never weak. But he was not a philanthropist merely in name. He contributed largely to the funds of the Institutions, and in this respect might be said to have a direct personal interest in their welfare. Besides this, he was the donor of prizes in the Schools, and no one took greater pleasure than he in seeing those prizes distributed to the children who had complied with the conditions of earning them. It would not, probably, be fair to say that he favoured one Institution above the other, but the contiguity of his residence to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' at St. John's Hill, made it natural that his visits to that Institution should be more numerous than to the others. The very helplessness of a poor little girl, left by a father, and frequently by a mother as well, appealed to the gentle heart of Bro. Edward Cox as an additional argument in her favour, and the tenderness with which he treated the female orphans at the School on his many visits showed the solicitude which he entertained for a family that he looked upon almost as his own. It is not surprising that he took an important part in the discussions on the purchase of Lyncombe House, which will, no doubt, add greatly to the value of the Institution by preventing the erection of other buildings on the site which it would not have been desirable to have so near. Bro. Edward Cox was an opponent of the purchase, which it will be remembered was proposed to be made at a sum of £6,500. Bro. Cox set the outside value down as £3,800, and considered that this was a very large price to pay for an entrance to the Institution from the high road. Already he thought the Institution had as many burdens as it could bear, and that posterity would not thank the brethren for increasing those burdens. He admitted that it was a desirable thing that no other buildings should be brought near the School, but taking his stand on the excessive price asked by the proprietor of the property intended to be purchased, he denied that any one who desired to build on the land would give the price asked, as the noise of the railway would deter people from living in the neighbourhood who could pay a rent which would give an adequate return for the outlay. Bro. Cox, however, was overruled, and the purchase was completed after arguments that, though a fancy price was to be paid, the privacy gained by the Institution possessing the property was worth even a larger sum. Bro. Cox never questioned the desirability of privacy for the Girls' School, and as far as we can remember he at least was spared the application of the many opprobrious epithets which a reverend brother heaped week after week upon the opponents of the scheme. We have said above that the purchase of Lyncombe House will, no doubt, add greatly to the value of the Girls' School, and if it does no one would have had sincerer pleasure in this result than Bro. Edward Cox if he had lived to see it; and no one would more readily have admitted that his opposition was an error. Bro. Edward Cox never secured Grand Lodge honours. They were offered him once by the Grand Master, but refused. He was, however, a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Northampton and Huntingdon, in which Province he was looked up to as a high authority. Among the Craft generally he was also greatly esteemed.

BRO. EDWARD AMPHLETT, M.R.C.S.

Old Cambridge men will hear with regret of the death of Wor. Bro. Edward Amphlett, M.R.C.S., and of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. Bro. Amphlett was a zealous and energetic young Mason. He was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, and became the first Senior Deacon of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492—a Lodge founded by members of the Isaac Newton. He was installed W.M. of the Alma Mater in 1878. He was also a Founder and Past Master of the Lodge at Staines, a member of the Euclid Royal Arch Chapter, and of the St. George's Royal Arch Chapter. Of this last named Chapter he was at the time of his death the First Principal. He was Past Prov. Grand Registrar (Royal Arch) of the Province of Berks and Bucks, and Prov. Grand Steward (Craft) for the Province of Middlesex. His genial and courteous manner endeared him to many, who will look back with pleasant recollection upon the friendship with which he honoured them. Only a short time before his death he placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Alma Mater a curious old silver Treasurer's jewel for presentation to the Lodge.

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KNIGHTS NEW AND OLD.

Differences between the Templars of the Eleventh and Nineteenth Centuries.

THE funny man of the New York *Times* indulges in the following *spirt* at the Knights Templar. To show that we are not afraid of his fun, and even enjoy it this hot weather, we reproduce it below.

There have been in Chicago during the present week some 20,000 Knights of the Templar variety. The modern Knight Templar has never yet been able to ascertain whether, when two or more of them are gathered together, they should be called Knight Templars, Knights Templar, or Knights Templars, and in order to spare his feelings, a sympathizing press ought clearly to shirk the question, and to describe the Chicago Knights in terms that cannot come in conflict with any possible grammatical rule.

We all know who the original Templars were, for the biography of Eminent Sir Wilfred Ivanhoe, of York Commandery, New York, is a mine of information on the subject. The Templar was a person who wore a variegated night-gown (whence, perhaps, the word Knight) in the day-time, and took a series of iron-clad oaths. He bound himself never to marry, a vow that did not put him to much inconvenience, but which must have signally failed to meet the views of his wife and children. He also swore to live in a state of poverty, a vow which he liberally interpreted to mean that he should earn nothing, but should live on the confiscated property of other people. He took an oath of obedience to his Grand Master, and undertook to go to the Holy Land to deliver Jerusalem from the Saracens. The latter obligation had its manifest advantages. Occasionally the Knight Templar did go to the Holy Land and fight, but to a much greater extent he stayed at home. He was, however, always on the point of taking the 8.30 p.m. express for Joppa, and consequently always had an excuse for declining to do anything that did not please him. If his children wanted shoes he always remarked that he expected to depart immediately for the Holy Land, and he really needed all his available money wherewith to pay his passage, and could not possibly buy shoes until his return. If his rent was due and the landlord notified him that he must pay at once, he immediately wrote him a note saying that he had just received orders to start for Jerusalem, and that as it was quite out of the question for him to call on his bankers before leaving, he would be compelled to postpone that little matter of the rent until his return. Thus the Templar who was always going to the Holy Land, but who never went, was the envy of less fortunate men who had no ready-made excuses to meet every difficulty. It appears from the life of Eminent Sir Wilfred Ivanhoe that the Knight Templar frequently took part in free circus entertainments, most of which were doubtless designed for the benefit of Sunday Schools. In these entertainments the Knights were often badly hurt, and there is good reason to believe that they were occasionally happily killed. In the absence of any steady employment, the Knights did a good deal of miscellaneous fighting with any available neighbour, and Most Eminent Sir Brian de Bois-Guilbert, of Jackson Commandery, No. 27, was in this respect a fair specimen of the fighting Knight.

The modern American Knight Templar is not at all like his illustrious precedessor. Instead of a white night-gown with a red cross, he wears a black frock-coat, a cocked hat, and shoulder-straps—a uniform that makes him resemble a chaplain in the Navy who has pawned his regulation blue coat and been compelled to transfer his shoulder-straps to a borrowed black coat. He does not take vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and rarely—if we may credit the reports of the recent Chicago Conclave—takes even the total abstinence pledge. For Jerusalem he cares nothing, and never makes the slightest pretence of going there. His holy places are Chicago, St. Louis, or San Francisco, in one of which cities he gathers himself together once every three years, and marches in a solemn procession, sweltering in a close buttoned coat and cocked hat, and exciting the wonder of the beholding foreigner. At these Triennial Conclaves he always gives a public exhibition of Templar tactics, which consist in a series of semi-military evolutions of great intricacy and total lack of purpose. To the small boy he is an object of mingled amazement and mirth, and the public, which regards him as a sort of hybrid between the militia soldier and the circus performer, fails to comprehend why he exists and fatigues himself in the tiresome and expensive Triennial Conclave. * * * * *

What the American Knight Templar does in the secrecy of his Lodge room is, of course, a mystery to the outside world. People who are immediately below a room in which the Knights are accustomed to gather, hear noises which lead them to believe that the Knights make a practice of falling over a large amount of furniture, a theory which is apparently confirmed by the fact that they issue from their meetings in a very heated and extremely thirsty state. Still, it seems intrinsically improbable that men should go to large expense in point of uniforms and horse-collars merely to meet together and fall over furniture, and we must assume that a meeting of Templars has some other and worthier object.

There was a time when many intelligent men, including John Quincy Adams and Thurlow Weed, believed that the Knights Templar Society was a dangerous thing, chiefly because it takes its members exclusively from the Masonic Fraternity. In these days no one views the Templars with alarm. A more innocuous gathering never took place than that which has just delighted the Chicago hotel keepers. The Knights are not as picturesque as the old Templars, but they behave themselves much better, and as between the ancient Knight in the act of torturing a Jew and the modern Knight peacefully nodding through a long sermon in a Methodist meeting house, it is very easy to make a choice.—*Keystone.*

DUES.—Dues do not run against members suspended for non-payment of same, and Lodges are not liable to Grand Lodge for dues on such during the time of their suspension.—*James M. Mobley.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

THIS Lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on Saturday, 11th inst. Like others that used to meet there, it has suffered from the unfortunate closing of that celebrated place of entertainment in May last, when it sought refuge under the hospitable roof of Bro. Oddy, of the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham, where, though everything was done for their comfort, the brethren did not muster as was their wont under the ægis of their alma mater. If rumour speaks true, Bro. Willing will, at the end of the season, retire from the management of the Alexandra Palace. It is to be hoped, for the good of the pleasure-seeking crowds of London and its suburbs, as well as for the Masonic Lodges held there, such will not be the case, and that he will continue the new system of management he has so successfully inaugurated, with the profit he so worthily deserves, so that, in this instance, the proverb may stand good, *fama mendax non verax.* To return to the Loyalty, the following Brethren and Officers assisted in opening the Lodge, viz., Father of the Lodge Bro. John Newton P.M. and Sec. Nos. 174 and 1607, Bros. F. Brown P.M. 1607 and S.W. 174, C. H. Webb I.P.M. 1607 and W.M. 174, C. J. Perceval W.M. 1607, E. Legge S.W. and W.M. elect 1607, P.M. Urban Lodge 1196, W. Bedell J.W., J. Jones S.D., Carr J.D., Roberts I.G., Giller, Garden, Harrison, &c. 1607. Visitors—J. Kench P.G.P., Hogard P.G.S.W. Herts, and J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts; P.M.'s Bros. Tickle, Blatchford, Hunt, Quitman, Wallblanche, North, Seddon, &c. The usual Lodge business was transacted, after which the ceremony of installation was ably performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. J. Perceval, assisted by Bros. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. as D.C., and the I.P.M. C. H. Webb. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in usual form, when the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, provided by Mr. Barber, the able manager of the purveying department at the Alexandra Palace. Having enjoyed the same, the brethren, after the usual toasts, songs, &c., separated, at the early hour of ten, highly delighted with the few social hours spent in such perfect Masonic harmony.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, Riverhead.—Freemasonry is making some progress in this province, judging from what we saw at Westerham, on Saturday the 5th inst., on which occasion a goodly gathering of the brethren, locally and from a distance, indicated that an unusual quantity of work was on hand. The Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Charles Dodd, he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. W. Duret P.M., who performed the first business, viz., the raising of two brethren to the third degree. The W.M. then resumed the chair, advancing three of the brethren to the 2nd degree, and then initiating five gentlemen into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. After some ordinary business a vote of thanks was awarded with acclamation to Bro. John Webb S.W., for his very handsome present to the Lodge of a beautiful set of working tools. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very excellent repast was served by Host Waller. The W.M. Bro Dodd presided, giving in his usual concise and terse manner the appropriate introductions to the various Masonic toasts. Bro. J. H. Jewell responded for the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present; Bros. E. J. Dodd, A. W. Duret, and R. Durtnell, for the P.M.'s; Bros. E. W. Allen P.M. 173, Walker Cooper W.M. 538, Stephen Cooper W.M. elect 1637, W. E. Kentish J.W. 1293, F. D. Vine S.D. 173, and Henry Hoare 1744, responding to the toast of the visitors. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the admirable recitation of Bro. E. J. Dodd P.M., and the singing of Bros. J. T. Baker S.D., William Harmer, and others. A most enjoyable evening was concluded about nine o'clock, many of the brethren having to return to town.

Wandsworth Lodge, No, 1044.—On Wednesday evening the first meeting for the season was held at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth. The majority of the brethren were in their places at the time appointed. The attendance was rather numerous, and comprised Bros. Henry Green 1087, A. J. Riddle 1787, J. Mason 1067, J. R. Gallant 172, P. H. Harnett 813, and Dr. Oakman. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Walker, was duly installed by Bro. Boddy P.M., who was assisted by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., both of whom were accorded votes of thanks, which were entered upon the minutes. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. J. Huntley S.W., J. J. Holland J.W., W. F. Wardroper S.D., F. Reed J.D., and A. A. Denham I.G. The other brethren present were Bros. J. G. Kewney, F. H. Newens, J. G. Carter, H. R. Jones, George Hinck, W. A. Morgan, and A. N. Newens P.M.'s, and A. Brownlow, W. Bell, F. Tucker, W. Springett, and Thomas Arnison. The ordinary business having been disposed of, the fourth degree was worked, and the toasts were heartily given, and cordially responded to. In every respect a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At a meeting held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 16th Sept., at 6.30 p.m., Present:—Bros. Bissett W.M., Harper S.W., Goodenough J.W., Whale S.D., W. Baber J.D., Thomasson I.G., Saul P.M. Preceptor, Blackie Hon. Sec., G. Taylor, Bain, E. A. Baber, Wright, Kibble. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in second degree; Bro. Kibble offered himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed. Lodge was closed to first degree. Intimation was given that on

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Thursday next the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed by Bro. A. E. Taylor W.M. 1851 P.M. 1201. Lodge was closed in due form.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. At the usual meeting on Monday, 13th Sept., Bro. McDonald acted as Preceptor in the absence of Bro. P.M. Myers. Bro. Goddard presided as W.M., he was supported by Bros. Partridge S.W. and Macgregor J.W.; also Bros. Lewis, Kimbell, Loring, Seymour-Clarke (Sec.), and others. After the usual formalities, Bro. Loring was questioned and entrusted, and the Lodge being opened in second degree, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The 1st section of the lecture, and, after resuming, the 2nd section of the 1st lecture, were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Partridge was elected W.M. for Monday evening next, when we trust a goodly number of brethren will support him.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th August, at Du Toits Pan, South Africa. Present—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. Ring J.W., E. B. Joffman acting Treas., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., D. Avis Alm., E. Garisch M.C., W. Kuiper Arch. and Steward, R. C. R. Laing I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; Bros. E. D. W. Van Blerk, D. J. de Voss, R. C. Partridge, H. W. Hull, B. Hartog. Visitors—Bro. E. Harris, Sir Hugh Myddelton. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Sec. then read an application to become a Freemason from Mr. Cecil Bayley. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. Crewell and Barnes, and both were elected candidates for initiation. Bro. S.W. apologised on behalf of Bro. P.M. Hartog, for his unavoidable absence. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, when Bros. H. N. Campbell and W. R. Vilgeon were introduced and examined. Their answers to the questions of the W.M. proving eminently satisfactory (indeed it was patent to all they had made considerable progress in the science), they were duly passed. Lodge was then reduced, when it was unanimously resolved that the brethren assemble at the Athole Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., and at the Cosmoplitan Lodge on Thursday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. and Officers of those Lodges for the ensuing year. A collection was made for the poor, after which, the labours being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

JAMAICA.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE (S.C.)

AT a Communication held on 5th August, at the Sussex Hall, of Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica and Grey Town (S.C.), presided over by the Right Wor. Bro. Hon. S. C. Burke Prov. Grand Master, and a goodly number of Officers, Masters and Wardens of Lodges under the Scottish Constitution, the following Officers were elected:—

R.W. Bro.	C. W. Steer (Seville)	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
	J. O'Gilvie (St. John's)	Sub. Prov. Grand Master
	J. K. Spicer (Glenlyon)	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
	W. A. Paine (St. John's)	„ Junior Warden
	B. M. Dias (Glenlyon)	„ Secretary
V.W. Bro.	Rev. W. C. McCalla	„ Chaplain
R.W. Bro.	D. N. Berwick (Caledonia)	„ S. Deacon
V.W. Bro.	A. H. Jones (St. John's)	„ J. Deacon
	S. J. Streadwick	„ Architect
R.W. Bro.	J. G. Mesquiba	„ Bible Bearer
	D. C. De Sausa	„ Dir. of Cer.
	H. P. Thompson (Seville)	„ Sword Bearer
V.W. Bro.	E. Melville	„ Dir. of Music
R.W. Bro.	C. C. M. Knox (Glenlyon)	„ Marshal
V.W. Bro.	Jonas Pollack	„ Inner Guard
	John Hays	„ Tyler
V.W. Bros.	E. B. Wolfe, W. D. Smedmire, W. C. Wepplar, Dr. J. A. Campbell, J. J. Lyon, W. Duff, G. Duff, J. Sherborn, H. J. Burger, R. J. Steel, A. Munroe	Prov. G. Stewards

PILLARS OF THE PORCH.

FROM THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY.

IN the Masonic system much interest attaches to the two famous pillars erected at the entrance of the porch to Solomon's Temple. These historic columns have a well understood place in the unfolding of Masonic teachings, and the enquiring Craftsman is anxious to obtain information both in regard to their original structure and significance, and their symbolic meaning. We learn from the accounts in the Holy Writings that the pillars of the porch were designed and cast by that Hiram out of Tyre, a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, who is declared to have been a metallurgist and artist of high reputation, being skilful to work in gold and silver, as well as in brass, iron and stone. Without doubt this Hiram "Abiff" was also well versed in architecture, and in every way qualified to superintend so important an undertaking as the building of the great Temple at Jerusalem. His genius it was that wrought out the form and fashioning of the two brazen pillars that became so justly celebrated by reason of their strength, symmetry, beauty of ornamentation and moral suggestiveness. Each was twelve cubits in height and twelve in circumference, having quadrangular capitals, swelling at the top and lily shaped, and artistically embellished with net work and pomegranates. The scriptural accounts of the height of these pillars and the character of their embellishments are not altogether clear and harmonious; hence there has been a considerable divergence of views as to their proper reconstruction. But the general form and appearance of the pillars are sufficiently made evident, so that it is their symbolical import which most naturally engages the attention of the antiquarian and the Mason. The names given to the two columns were Jachin and Boaz, the former being on the right and the latter on the left of the entrance to the Temple. In one sense these columns were memorials, and thus they were designated by the names with which they are now associated. Jachin was the assistant High Priest at the dedication of the Temple, and Boaz was the great grandfather of David. For some reason not made apparent these two individuals were especially commemorated by the pillars of the porch.

There was, however, without doubt, a much higher significance connected with the columns thus placed. By some it is held that these pillars were intended to symbolize the dual powers of Nature, and that it was only the following out of an Egyptian and oriental custom that caused Solomon to set up the curious pillars in the porch of the Temple. Whether or not this be the explanation of the columns there can be no doubt that obelisks, somewhat similar in form, and with like ornamentation were placed before the great temples of Egypt and India, and that they were intended to symbolize the truth already stated. It is also interesting to recall the fact that similar pillars were placed before churches and cathedrals by the builders in the middle ages; and thus used we may not question but that their understood symbolism had reference to God in some of the attributes of His nature, or some manifestations of His government. The pillars in the porch of the great temple may have had reference, perhaps, to the priestly and kingly power as signified in the names that were given them; but not less did they stand for and suggest the rule and mercy of Almighty God. In their passage from Egypt to Canaan the Hebrew people had been directed by the pillars of fire and cloud,—what more natural than that they should commemorate the Divine presence thus signified by these tangible emblems of their continued confidence in His protection? Give to the pillars this symbolical meaning and they become richly suggestive in the way of their Masonic uses.

NEW SADLER'S WELLS.

WE must congratulate the management of the "Wells" on their enterprise. Not long since it was our privilege to compliment them on the success of *Drink*, Mr. Charles Reade's adaptation of *L'Assommoir*. Since then the well-known dramatised version of Charles Dickens's "Bleak House" has been produced, the deservedly popular Miss Jennie Lee enacting the character of Jo, which gives the title to the piece. All the accessories are in keeping, and the audience each evening have given the most satisfactory evidence possible that the programme was to their liking. Indeed, so pleased were the Islingtonians with this deservedly popular piece, and the equally popular impersonation of Jo, by Miss Jenny Lee, that the management extended the original fortnight's run to three weeks, so that the last performance will take place this (Saturday) evening. On Monday will be produced *Othello*, with Mr. Charles Warner in the character of the Moor, Mr. Hermann Vezin as Iago, and Miss Isabel Bateman as Desdemona.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

The eighth annual benefit of Bro. Percy, professionally known as Mr. Edgar Mowbray, and one of the proprietors of the above troop of minstrels is fixed for Wednesday, the 29th instant, when there will be provided a special and entirely new programme, the first part of which will include a choice selection of nautical songs. It will be in the recollection of our readers that on the occasion of his last year's benefit, Bro. Percy provided a similar class of programme, and its reception was so hearty that he has—wisely, we think—resolved on giving another of the same character on next Wednesday week. As at Bro. W. Francis's benefit, of which we gave particulars in our last issue, the troop will appear in increased strength, and there will be an abundance of farcical, screaming, and other absurdities in the second part of the entertainment. Bro. Percy has our best wishes for his success.

BRO. EGBERT ROBERT'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

Early in November, a party of four talented and very popular vocalists—namely, Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Damien, of the Gloucester Festival, Mr. Bernard Lane, and Bro. Egbert Roberts—will visit some of the principal cities and towns in Scotland, with a view to giving a series of Concerts, which, if we judge rightly of our friends north of the Tweed, will be fully appreciated. The arrangements, so far as they have been made, include the rendering of the Oratorios of *St. Paul*, at Aberdeen, on 4th November; the *Creation*, at Inverness, on the 5th; a Miscellaneous Concert, at Glasgow, on the 6th; *Acis and Galatea*, at Greenock, on the 8th; and a Concert, of which the chief features have not yet been settled, at Falkirk, on the 10th November. The party will be under the management of Bro. John Stedman, and they are to be congratulated accordingly on having secured the services of so able and popular a conductor.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, are held on Tuesday evenings, at 7 o'clock, at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury Pavement. Brethren are invited to attend. Bros. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow S.D. 1743 Hon. Sec.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
380—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street E.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, White Swan, Coleman-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—King-land, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
238—York, Masonic Hall, York
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemason's Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hoylake.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1562—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1440—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 6.30. (Inst.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Tollemache, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1080—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Beadle, Town Hall, Beadle, Lancashireat 6 (Inst.)
1531—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maiden-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, Public Hall, Runcorn.
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
145—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Metro Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Walter's, the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on Tuesday, the 11th inst. There were Present:—Bros. E. Walter W.M., Job S.W., McCarthy J.W., Stephens S.D., Taylor J.D., W. Hawes I.G.; also Bros. Anderson, Twinn, A. Walter, &c. After usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Anderson candidate. Bro. Twinn was next interrogated and entrusted; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Twinn candidate. Lodge was further advanced, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Twinn 1306 was elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Job having been appointed to fill the chair on the 21st inst., Lodge was closed and adjourned.

We notice, with considerable pleasure, that our esteemed Brother Past Master Berry has sufficiently recovered from his accident to resume his duties as Preceptor to this Lodge.

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We trust his health will permit him to attend as of old, when the Yarborough will again attract large attendances of brethren seeking instruction, combined with the comforts of a well-appointed Lodge room.—Ed. F.C.]

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 10th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—L. Franckel W.M., F. Botley S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., and acting Sec., Tucker Treas., W. Caton S.D., Andrews P.M. J.D., T. Toynbee I.G.; Past Master Bro. Cordingley. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cordingley candidate. The questions of the second degree were answered, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, the same brother acting as candidate. Bro. Toynbee answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge closed in second degree, and Bro. T. Toynbee, of Lodge Frederick of Unity 452, Croydon, was elected a member. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for the meeting on Friday, 1st October. Lodge was then closed and adjourned to 17th inst. (Officers' night).

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Present:—Bros. Fox W.M., Turner S.W., Tate J.W., Long P.M. Preceptor, Gates S.D., Abell J.D., Kearney I.G., and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes the Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. Brocklehurst being a candidate to be raised was examined and entrusted, and the Lodge being opened in third degree, the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. The sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren, the questions being put by Bros. Tate, Abell, and Brown. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and then Lodge was closed.

Friendship Lodge, No. 928.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Petersfield. Present:—Bros. M. P. Creedon W.M., H. Peirson S.W., W. C. Burley J.W., W. B. Edjeler P.M. Treasurer, J. Woodhouse S.D., Naylor J.D., F. C. Wells I.G., Charles Knight Tyler. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. J. B. Hammond, and the raising of Bro. R. Pocock.

The Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Warrington.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present:—Bros. John H. Galloway W.M., T. H. Sutton I.P.M., Spencer Wallhead S.W., T. Hutchinson J.W., W. Richardson P.M. Treas., D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G. D. of Ceremonies Sec., W. Taylor S.D., W. H. Jenkins J.D., J. O'Brien I.G., T. Domville O.G., W. Bolton, R. Heaton, A. Potter, Jos. Shilcock, H. Houghton, G. Cropper, P. J. Edelsten P.M., R. Brierley P.M., J. Baird, J. S. Green, W. Woods P.M., T. Barber, J. Barlow, A. G. Webster, J. Smethurst, H. Hoult, G. Mackey, J. Farrington, W. Reid, John Potter, A. F. G. Potter, and John R. Tomlinson P.M. 368. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed. The name of Mr. Charles Ashurst, station master, Warrington, was placed before the notice of the brethren in the usual way, and his acceptance notified by the W.M. Mr. Ashurst being in attendance was duly and solemnly admitted, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Richardson. The rest of the business was of an ordinary routine character, and the Lodge being closed in the usual way, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. A. Potter was the purveyor, and gave unqualified satisfaction. Bro. Galloway W.M. occupied the chair, and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, after which the brethren separated in harmony, about half-past ten o'clock. Bros. Jenkins and Richardson added to the enjoyment of the evening by their vocal efforts.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 7th September. Bros. P.M. Myers W.M., Smith S.W., Forss J.W., Pavitt S.D., Tyer J.D., Brownsom I.G., Worsley Sec., Musto Prec.; Bailey, Rawe, Keable, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tyre acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, and the W.M. the fifth. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Tyer 1306 was elected a member, Lodge then closed.

On 14th instant —Bros. Smith W.M., Pavitt S.W., Brownsom J.W., Cundick S.D., Ives J.D., Lane I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor: Bros. Johnson, Sadler, White, Cope, &c. After preliminaries Bro. Worsley answered the questions, and the Lodge opened in the second degree; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the Deacon's work being beautifully carried out by Bro. Cundick, who showed the excellent manner in which this part of the ceremony should be conducted. Bro. Pavitt worked the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, when Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Although Tuesday last was such an unpropitious night, this Lodge was well attended. We should recommend visitors to drop in next week, when the Treasurer will work the third ceremony.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205. — The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, on the 26th inst., by Bro. J. T. K. Job J.W. 1076, who will be supported by Past Masters Bros. T. J. Barnes S.W., B. Cundick J.W., W. Musto I.P.M., W. Myers, W. Yetton, and other prominent workers. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction.—At the regular meeting of the above, on 12th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, the chair was occupied by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, L. Jacobs S.W., B. Kauffman J.W., J. S. Faul S.D., Bingham I.G., L. Solomons Sec., Devine Treasurer, Hemming acting Preceptor. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Patrick Feeny acting as candidate. The W.M. then rehearsed the second degree, with Bro. Hook as candidate. The first, second and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren assisted by Bro. Hemmings. Bros. Virral, P. Feeny 1017 and Hook attended as visitors, and were unanimously elected members. Bro. L. Jacobs was elected W.M. for the next week. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed.

Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360.—A meeting was held on 2nd September, at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon. Present:—Bros. J. Brunker W.M., G. F. Robison S.W., R. T. Sumner J.W., C. Stockman Sec., E. Standen S.D., J. W. Oakman J.D., F. Edbrook I.G., J. Woodstock Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Peacock, Reeves and Cockerell. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. P.M. Reeves was elected W.M. for ensuing year, Bro. Jackson re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock re-appointed Tyler.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. C. G. Padel W.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer as S.W., G. Simpson J.W., W. P. Husband Assistant Secretary, M. Millington S.D., W. York as J.D., O. Marshall Organist, G. H. Simpson M.C., J. Blenkin I.G., P. Pearson Tyler; also Bros. Dyson, Girling, Stubbs, Carter, J. R. Jackson, H. Jackson, Blackstone, Brown, Humphries, Davies, Walker, J. F. Taylor, Atkinson, Chapman, &c. Several visitors were also present. A letter was read from Bro. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., absent in London on account of ill health, and a telegram was also read from Bro. Whytehead P.M., who is enjoying the sea breezes at Flamborough, and who had sent an old and curious apron for presentation to the Lodge. At refreshment, the usual toasts were given, Bro. Jennings responding for the Visitors. The W.M. was congratulated upon his restored health, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th Sept., at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present:—Bros. J. Green W.M., E. Geflowski S.W., S. Dyer J.W., H. E. Tucker Treas., W. Seward jun. S.D., J. Wells J.D., Gasson I.G. Past Masters C. Andrews; Bros. J. W. Woolmer, F. Botley, E. C. Porter. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. P.M. Andrews candidate. Bro. Green vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. E. Tucker, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. J. W. Woolmer volunteered as candidate for the ceremony of passing, which was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. P.M. Andrews delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board. Bro. E. Geflowski was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Chequer's Hotel, Marsh Street, Walthamstow. Present—T. Upward W.M., C. B. Carter S.W., C. Webster J.W., G. Clark Sec., W. G. Hallows S.D., E. Brown J.D., H. F. Inman I.G.; Past Master Bro. J. Pinder; Bros. J. Edwards, J. A. Reed. The Lodge opened in due form and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards candidate. Bro. Reed answered the questions preparatory to being passed to the second degree. Lodge was opened to the second degree when Bro. Reed was passed. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bros. Reed, Brown and Edwards were unanimously elected members. Lodge closed in form and adjourned,

Masonic Disipline.—My attention has been called to the great want of "*Masonic Disipline*" in some of our Lodges over the conduct of those who profess and call themselves *Masons*. It is becoming more than ever necessary that Masonry should be bold in the declaration of its principles, and that it should as boldly determine to enforce its admirable tenets. Temperance is a cardinal virtue in Masonry. If this virtue be inscribed upon our banner, and if that banner be proudly waving in its purity over the temple, why should it be allowed, from time to time, to be disgraced by the workmen that are engaged in their labours beneath its folds of beauty? Shall Masons persist in continual, flagrant violations of all moral law, and in open and constant disregard of the most sacred teachings of our Fraternity, thereby bringing shame upon the Craft, and we refuse or neglect to punish the transgressor? Do not the immoral practices of some of our Brethren stamp the *lie* upon their profession and *Masonic characters?* With all the charity which the most generous heart can exercise, are we not compelled to acknowledge that we have too often denounced these things, and yet allowed our members to indulge in them? My Brethren, if our Institution be honest in its proclamation of hostility to vice, it will not *tolerate*, and even *nourish* in its bosom, those members who habitually practise those vices that are in violation of Masonic principles and morality. If our erring Brethren will not be restrained from disreputable practices by words of *loving counsel*, let us not hesitate to visit condemnation upon vice in all its forms, and ever maintain, by strict discipline, the high, moral standard of Masonry.—*Grand Master Williams, of Delaware.*

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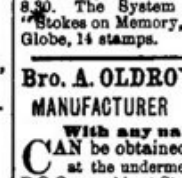
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MEETING OF THE LODGE

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on W masons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, Bro. James Bret Junior Vice-President, and Bro. Samuel R Master for China) occupied the three cha present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, C. H. Garrod, John Constable, W. Stephe Mann, Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, W. H. Perryman, H. Massey, G. P. Britt and Neville Green. Grants to the amo at the August meeting, were confirmed. on the new list, including one referred b consideration. The total grants made cases were dismissed, and one was deferr

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

CONTINUING our remarks of last week concerning the candidates for election to the two Schools in October, we will now address ourselves to a consideration of the Boys' List, which contains, as already stated, the names of seventy-three lads, who, with the exception of one—No. 34, G. A. Thomas, whose petition has been withdrawn—will compete for the sixteen declared vacancies. It will thus be seen that there are fifty-six lads who will go to the poll in excess of the number to be elected. Forty-eight of the cases are accredited to the Provinces, eighteen to London, one to Guernsey, and the remaining five to Foreign districts. Twenty of the candidates now make their first application, twenty-one their second, seventeen their third, nine their fourth, four their fifth, and one his sixth. Twelve of the Boys if unsuccessful on the present occasion will be debarred, by reason of their age, from taking part in future elections.

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The remaining London cases are headed, so far as number of votes brought forward is concerned, by No. 52, A. H. Collingwood, who has 743 votes to his credit, from one previous attempt, there are four children dependent on the mother. No. 18, W. J. Saville, one of five fatherless children, has had 724 votes recorded in his favour at the two elections in which he has taken a part. No. 10, F. A. Unwin, one of three similarly circumstanced, comes forward, for the fourth time, with 661 votes in hand. No. 24, C. N. Estlin, an only child dependent on his mother, is son of a late member of Lodge 1,420; he has already stood two elections, and has 527 votes in hand. No. 8, A. Fellows, comes forward with just 100 votes less, although he has gone to the poll at three previous elections. His father appears to have been a staunch supporter of the Charities during his lifetime, and now that his family are in want we hope a reward will be forthcoming. The mother has four children dependent on her. No. 40, H. G. Darling, one of six fatherless children, has been more fortunate, his friends having recorded 403 votes on his behalf at the last election, which was the first he took part in. No. 15, S. E. Lee, has a brother in the School, and brings forward 380 votes from the two elections in which he has taken a part. There are still four children dependent on his mother. No. 42, S. D. Carey, one of six children left to a mother's care, has 335 votes to the good, from the one election in which he has taken a part. His father was a member of the City of London Lodge, No. 901. No. 50, G. W. K. Hill, who is a member of a family similarly circumstanced, has not been so successful as regards the support he has received, he has but 183 votes polled for him at last election. No. 4, H. S. J. Crane, from the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, seems to meet with very scant support, for his friends have only been able to secure 170 votes on his behalf, even though he has taken part in four previous elections; he is one of three fatherless children. The other four London cases are first applications. Nos. 58, A. L. Lewis, and 63, F. T. Tanner, each member of a family of five fatherless children, and Nos. 65, A. Allan, and 69, J. W. Long, both similarly circumstanced, except that in their cases there are but three children in each family.

As also with the Girls' Institution, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight sends up more candidates than any other of the Provinces, her total in the case of the Boys being eight, of whom two have already received notice, as "last" applications. No. 14, W. H. Wooltons, makes now his fourth application, with 191 votes already recorded on his behalf; he is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother. No. 45, James Langdon, secured eighty-three votes in April last, his mother has five children to support. No. 47, J. Collinson, one of three fatherless children, brings forward twenty-two votes from the same election, while the other three are first applications. No. 59, F. Booth, has a mother living, but no particulars are given as to the state of her family. No. 70, R. A. L. Hill, is one of four relying on their mother; and No. 73, T. P. Simpson, is one of six similarly conditioned. The brethren of Hampshire, notwithstanding their liberality in the cause of charity, must find it hard work to deal with the many cases brought under their notice; and were it not for the way in which their voting power is organised they would stand but a poor chance in the elections which periodically come round. Durham next requires notice—the number of candidates

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from that quarter being four. No. 22, H. L. Laing, one of seven children relying on their mother, has made two previous attempts, and yet has but eight votes recorded in his favour: it is to be hoped that there is something better in store for him, as also for the other Durham candidate, who has been before the subscribers on a previous occasion. This lad, No. 48, E. Farrar, and two other childen, are dependent on their mother; at the April election no votes were recorded on his behalf. No. 54, G. Wortley, and No. 71, J. Humphrey, are each members of families of eight; in the former case the mother, and in the latter the father, being the surviving parent. We hope the brethren of Durham will make an effort to do something for each of their *proteges*, and at least secure the election of one. Devonshire, East Lancashire, and Warwickshire each sends three candidates. One of those from Devon, No. 7, we have noticed already. No. 11, W. R. D. Foot, now comes forward for the fourth time, but at present has had no votes placed to his credit. He and one other child are left to the care of their mother. No. 26, S. E. Loveridge, one of four similarly circumstanced, has been more successful, 324 votes standing to his credit from the two elections he has already figured in. Our Devonshire brethren have lately made a great stir on the question of charity, and we doubt not but that these candidates will each receive the support they deserve, and which it is in the power of the Province to afford them. East Lancashire heads the ballot paper with J. Reed, who is now put forward for the sixth time, with a total of twelve votes recorded on his behalf; his mother is living, and there is a family of four dependent on her. Although the result thus far looks peculiar, we doubt not but that the brethren of the Province are doing what is right in the matter. No. 72, A. T. Haworth, is one of five fatherless children; the present is his first application. No. 60, the other case from this district, has already been referred to. No. 33, F. A. Clark, from Warwickshire, has stood one previous election, on which occasion 302 votes were recorded on his behalf. His mother was left a widow in 1875, and has still nine children dependent on her. No. 38, S. J. Crich, is one of a family—of whom two are still unprovided for—left parentless, he has taken a part in one previous election, on which occasion he had 280 votes recorded in his favour; we hope that number may be sufficiently increased at the ensuing election to give him a place on the list of successful boys. No. 49, H. T. Burgess, has likewise stood one election, then, however, no votes were polled on his behalf; his father is dead; he and another child being dependent on the mother. Essex sends two candidates—No. 23, R. L. Ibbs, who at two previous elections has secured fifty-nine votes—he is one of three fatherless children, and No. 55, H. L. Jordison, who now comes forward for the first time, he also is one of a family of three dependent on his mother. No. 19, C. E. Webb, from Kent, has taken part in the last two elections, on which occasions forty-six votes have been polled for him; his mother was left a widow in 1879, and has three children to provide for. No. 51, W. J. Sisley, polled ten votes last April, his mother has six children dependent on her. Middlesex also sends two candidates, Nos. 41 and 43, both of whose fathers are dead; in the former case there are three, and in the latter six children dependent. Each have stood one previous election when 44 and 167 votes were respectively accredited to them. Staffordshire puts forward Nos. 57 and 68, both new cases, and each of them fatherless; in the former instance there are three, and in the latter five children left to the widow's care. 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Richardson, has neither parent living, and is one of a family of six dependent on the charity of friends; he has already taken part in two elections, on which occasions a total of 595 votes have been secured on his behalf, we sincerely trust that at the next election he will receive such further help as will entitle him to the benefits of our School. No. 35, W. V. B. Jones, secured 84 votes in April last; he and two others are dependent on their mother. No. 9 on the list, J. T. Goldsbrough, Dorset, has taken part in three previous elections, on which occasions 279 votes have been secured on his behalf; both his parents are living, and they have five children dependent on them. No. 12, F. J. Neville, Cambridgeshire, after three previous attempts, has but 299 votes in hand; he and three others are left to the care of a widowed mother. No. 13, R. W. Pratt, from Lincolnshire, appears to be really without friends, for, after three attempts, he now goes to the poll without a vote to the good. It seems absurd to have a candidate placed on the list if his or her case is to be left to take care of itself. Worcester sends No. 16, H. W. Knott, who has 1,107 votes to the good, and we doubt not will secure a place in the School at next election; both his parents are alive, and there are eight children dependent on them. No. 21, E. T. Ball, from the Western division of South Wales, after two attempts, brings forward 99 votes, there are three children dependent on the mother. No. 32, C. S. V. Field, one of nine fatherless children from the County of Bedfordshire, comes forward with 68 votes in hand from April last; we hope better luck is in store for him. No. 39, G. S. Hooker, Sussex, has 905 votes in hand, he having taken part in one previous election; there are nine children dependent on the mother. No. 53, C. C. B. Jones, one of four parentless children, has but 84 votes to the good. We hope something will be done in his case to secure an early election. No. 61 (W. B. Stanford, Norfolk), No. 62 (F. R. Bladon, Berks and Bucks), and No. 66 (C. W. Thompson, Gloucestershire), are each first application cases, and each has lost his father. Bladon has a sister in the Girls' School, but there are still six children dependent on the mother. Guernsey sends No. 28 (E. C. Lucas), who is one of five fatherless children; on two previous attempts 155 votes have been polled for him.

Of the foreign cases, No. 5, from Singapore, has already been referred to. The others are as follow:—No. 29 (W. P. Gunnell, West Coast of Africa), who, after two attempts, has in hand 268 votes; he is an only child, dependent on his mother. No. 30 (W. L. Wilson), after a like experience at previous elections, has but 195 votes to the good; he is one of four fatherless children. No. 36 (H. A. Ecclestone) brings forward 509 votes from April; this case is accredited to Hong Kong. No. 44 (J. J. W. Hurst, Cape Town) polled 452 votes at the last election; it would seem probable that his friends will eventually succeed in placing him in the School.

Having now brought our remarks to a conclusion, we have to thank the numerous brethren who on former occasions have placed their proxies at our disposal. We assure them if they will again entrust them to us we will distribute them, to the best of our ability, among the most deserving cases.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn (Past Grand Sword Bearer) Senior Vice-President, Bro. James Brett (Past Grand Pursuivant) Junior Vice-President, and Bro. Samuel Rawson (Past District Grand Master for China) occupied the three chairs. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, C. F. Hogard, J. B. Shackleton, H. Garrod, John Constable, W. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, W. Mann, Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, H. Potter, George Bolton, W. H. Perryman, H. Massey, G. P. Britten, H. G. Buss, W. Dodd, and Neville Green. Grants to the amount of £165, recommended at the August meeting, were confirmed. There were nineteen cases on the new list, including one referred back by Grand Lodge for reconsideration. The total grants made amounted to £460. Three cases were dismissed, and one was deferred.

KINGS' ARMS, KEW GREEN.

ON Wednesday evening, a few friends of our esteemed Bro. Alfred Kent, late of the Moorgate Station Restaurant, assembled at his new hostelry, the Kings' Arms, Kew Green, to inaugurate his management of that establishment. A capital dinner was served, under the presidency of mine host, who was faced by Bro. Scales, W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the President gave the loyal toasts, which were fully honoured. Bro. Scales eloquently proposed the toast of the evening—the health of Bro. Kent—expressing a hope that his new undertaking would prove successful. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs, and the time for departure stole rapidly upon the guests, many of whom had some considerable distance to travel ere they reached home. We are well acquainted with Bro. Kent, and sincerely trust his enterprise and energy will meet the reward they merit. We may add, for the information of his many friends, that Bro. Kent's establishment is close to Kew Bridge.

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OUR MASONIC EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I approach the subject of this letter with confidence and diffidence; with confidence, from the soundness of the principle, and the certainty that it cannot be too widely inculcated amongst us, or too strongly impressed upon the minds of those who are really interested in the success of our boys and girls while at school or in after life; with diffidence, that I shall not be able to place it forcibly enough before your readers. In my estimation the latter are much more usefully educated than the former, for this reason; the girls, besides the rudiments of grammar, are taught mathematics, elocution, music, drawing, French, &c. Of the success of this tuition, the results of the Local Examinations, and the evidence of those who have been present at the distribution of prizes can testify. The girls likewise are taught all necessary household duties to fit them for their future stations of life as wives, mothers or servants; they are severally instructed in the work of the kitchen, laundry, housework; they make all their own clothes, and those for the use of the establishment; they are excellently well drilled, and this brings their muscles into play and tends to develop them into proper women, without deformed spines, narrowed waists and other maladies which too frequently engender disease in themselves or their offspring; with all these advantages, however, there are two subjects in which they could be instructed, and which would be eminently useful to them in after life, as coming within the scope of those callings specially adapted for women,—I mean telegraphy and shorthand. Of course, amongst such a number there are some to whom it would be morally and physically impossible to impart this education; we have, one and all, our particular gifts and our particular deficiencies, but that matter might be confidently left to the discretionary power of the chief governess, acting under the School Committee.

Now, for our boys. The same praise that is due to Miss Davis for bringing the capabilities of our girls forward, is due to our Brother Dr. Morris for the education of the boys, as far it goes. Now, I venture to say that it goes too far, and it does not go far enough; by this I mean that, excellent as the education is, it goes far too high and is not diffusive enough to be, as a rule, practically useful. To every rule there are exceptions; but before I go any further I will put a question or two, which might perhaps have been introduced with more comprehensive effect if it had been placed before my dissertation on the Girls' School. Who are these children we have undertaken to educate? What are their probable prospects in life? and are we bringing them up to qualify them for their positions? To the first I say, that they are—or are supposed to be—children of Brother Masons much reduced in their circumstances in life—in too many instances to the lowest depths of poverty and distress; to the second, that they will have to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, aided by the intellect—be it more or less—with which the G.A. has thought proper to endow them, and to the third—here I speak particularly of our boys—that the education upon the whole is detrimental and injurious; it is a little theory, without much practice. We bring them up fitted for the higher walks in life, but totally unfitted for the practically useful sphere in which their lot is, at all events for the present, cast. We raise them up to a high pinnacle of learning in classics and mathematics, and then, when their age debars them from receiving any more of this food, we turn them adrift to learn the practice, which should have been inculcated the same time as the theory. There is no royal road to learning; the man who has succeeded to the command of a ship by commencing life through the "hawse hole" knows more about the ship in its details than he who came on deck ready epauletted. There is no disgrace in manual labour, no discredit to know how a thing ought to be done, and whether it has been done properly. Who knows better whether men have done a day's work, and done it properly, than those who have had to do it themselves? What better example could we have than that of our Gracious Majesty and the late Prince Consort, who suffered none of the Royal children to be brought up without being taught their duties in their stations of life as princes and princesses, and at the same time teaching the princesses a thorough acquaintance with all the routine duties appertaining to the management of a house, while each prince was taught some useful handicraft. Again, how excellently our M.W.G.M. is carrying on the same work, by having his sons educated in all the minutiæ of a sailor's duty, and this is the general practice in all ranks of life in Prussia.

Now, if our girls are taught all these essential qualifications for properly trained and useful members of society, why should not our boys be instructed in corresponding avocations in life, each according to his capability? Why should not our Masonic circulars—at all events those relating to the Wood Green establishment, be printed by our Boys? Why should not all repairs to the Institution be done by the Boys under the direction of a master carpenter? If I am rightly informed a worthy brother made them a handsome present of a turning lathe; has it ever been made use of? Why should they not be taught to cut out and make their own clothes? Their own boots? To make a clock? To engrave? And numberless other handicrafts requisite for all civilised places. And if Masonic boys are the same as other boys, they would be proud to show their handiwork, acknowledge where they were taught it, and in return, if able, help the Institution whence they received such benefits more than ever they have yet done. Wherever their lot may be cast, the knowledge of one or more of these trades is of the utmost value, and has often proved the foundation of gigantic fortunes: let us only look at the names of some of our greatest men of the present age, and trace their origin—we shall find that they or their fathers started with nothing in the world but a knowledge of manual labour in some Craft, and how to turn it to the best advantage.

Trusting that the very inadequate way in which I have introduced this subject may yet induce a few of my brethren to come forward and support me in this movement,

I remain, yours fraternally,

V.P.

STATUS OF AN ELECTED P.M.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Is it contrary to precedent to elect a member of a Lodge who has been P.M. of another Lodge to the privileges and rank of P.M. of the Lodge of which he is at present a member, but whose chair he has not filled? We are anxious to do this, but are not quite sure if it can be done by Masonic rule.

Yours, &c.

W.M.

[The election of a brother to the position of a P.M. of a Lodge, without his having served the office of W.M. thereof, is not permissible. Some such complimentary title is, however, occasionally conferred, as for instance at the consecration of a Lodge, when it is not unusual to appoint a P.M. The brother so appointed has no *locus standi*, the title being one of compliment only. In the Lodge itself he may, by the courtesy of the brethren, be looked up to as a P.M., but he has no legal status.—ED. F.C.]

CONFLICTING VIEWS AS TO THE CHARACTER AND ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your paper of the 7th August contains two attacks upon my writings. First is a long editorial with the above heading, and second is a letter signed "TAU." I shall first briefly reply to "TAU." He says, "But one thing I have noticed, I cannot call to mind a single line in all his [Norton's] many letters and reviews, &c., which contains even a short passage of faint praise of Masonry." Now, in my communication headed, "On Liberty of the Masonic press," I stated that, "*Craft Masonry is based on solid principles*," and in my article in the *Freemason*, printed 22nd May, viz., "Grand Lodge Library," I confessed that, "As an English Mason, I am proud to boast of the high respectability and deeds of charity by which the Grand Lodge of England is distinguished." I could give other quotations, showing that I appreciate what is good and beautiful in Masonry, but these will at present suffice to convince you that "TAU" is not an attentive reader. The same "TAU" further says, "I know there are abuses and humbugs in Masonry as in other human institutions." Such being the case, surely "abuses and humbugs" are as discreditable to Masonry as they are to any other institution, and I cannot understand why a conscientious honest man should assail me for finding fault with "abuses and humbugs," which Masons, for certain reasons, pay no attention to.

And now, Brother Editor, you began by assaulting my defence of the Grand Orient of France. Permit me, therefore, to reply with an anecdote, related by Dr. Franklin, who, after animadverting on the Quaker's *no war* creed, remarked:—

"This reminds me of what I think more prudent conduct in another sect, viz., the Dunkers. I was acquainted with one of its founders, Michael Welfare, soon after it appeared. He complained to me that they were grievously calumniated by the zealots of other persuasions, and charged with abominable principles and practices, to which they were utter strangers. I told him this had always been the case with new sects, and that to put a stop to such abuse, I imagined it might be well to publish the articles of their belief, and the rules of their discipline. He said that it had been proposed amongst them, but not agreed to, for this reason:—

"When we were first drawn together as a society" (said he) "it pleased God to enlighten our minds so far as to see some doctrines, which were esteemed truths, were errors, and that others which we esteemed errors, were real truths. From time to time He has been pleased to afford us further light, and our principles have been improving, and our errors diminishing. Now we are not sure that we have arrived at the end of this progression, and at the perfection of spiritual or theological knowledge; and we fear that, if we should once print our confession of faith we should feel ourselves as if bound and confined by it, and perhaps be unwilling to receive further improvement, and our successors still more so, as conceiving what their elders and founders had done to be something sacred, never to be departed from." To which Dr. Franklin added:—

"This modesty in a sect is, perhaps, a singular instance in the history of mankind; every other sect supposing itself in possession of all truth, and that those who differ are so far in the wrong; like a man travelling in foggy weather, those at some distance before him on the road he sees wrapped up in the fog, as well as those behind him, and also the people in the field on each side; but near him all appears clear; though, in truth, *he is as much in the fog as any of them.*"

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I can furnish many illustrations to prove the wisdom suggested by Dr. Franklin: for instance, *witchcraft* was a religious belief for thousands of years, but we do not believe in it now. The Devil was also part of many theologies, but Dr. Farrar says that there never was a Devil. Within twenty-five years or so Bishop Colenso's works were published; so were the "Essays and Reviews." One of these Essayists is now a Bishop. The character of these works need not be described, but one thing may be said, viz., that these theologians no longer believe in the old creeds. Professors and Doctors of Divinity have published, in Holland, "The Religion of Israel," also "The Bible for Learners." In England appeared, in 1868, the second edition of Dr. Samuel Davidson's "Introduction to the New Testament." By a Layman was written a work called "Supernatural Religion." I could also name two English Dukes and a Lord who have written similar works—attacking the inspiration of the Old and New Testaments. Our Brother Woodbury undermined our Theological chronology. Thus, according to the Jewish chronology, the world is just 5640 years old; their new year begins to-night (5th Sept.), and the A. and A. *Riters* say that the world is 5880 years old. Assuming their *anno mundi* to be right, the world must have been created 4000 B.C. But our Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury showed that the Egyptians worshipped *Putah* 400 years before the creation of the world.

Having shown that theological creeds are breaking loose from their anchors, I shall refer to but two changes of opinions of your own within the last three or four years. Thus, about three years ago, you were pleased to *pitch into me* for opposing *Bro. MacCalla's assumption* that Daniel Coxe introduced Masonry into Pennsylvania in 1730, and that an English chartered Lodge, No. 79, was located in 1730 at the Hoop in Water-street, Philadelphia, while I maintained that there was no proof of Coxe's connection with Philadelphian Masonry, and that Lodge No. 79 was originally located in London; it became dormant before July 1733, it was restored to its original rank about 1735, and it was then held in St. Martin's-lane. Now, in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," page 50, there is a list of Lodges from 1730 to 1732, in which I find No. "79 Castle in Highgate," and during my recent visit to London Bro. Gould showed me the original MS. list of the members of the said Lodge; and among the names was that of D.G.M. of 1730, beside others who figured subsequently as Officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

Again, about three or four years ago, you refused to publish part of a letter of mine, in which I exposed the unreliability of Dr. Oliver, for the reason that Dr. Oliver was considered as a Masonic authority in England, and you did not wish to upset his authorityship. But now you have pitched into Dr. Oliver *sledge hammer fashion*.

The desertion of creeds and opinions by high ecclesiastics, nobles, scholars, and Masons, demonstrates Dr. Franklin's suggestions of the absurdity of *fixed creeds*. We know what we believed yesterday, and what we believe to-day; but who knows what we shall believe to-morrow? Fixed creeds are especially unsuitable for a society composed of members of all denominations. Besides which, the history of our ritual demonstrates that *bigotry knows neither law nor justice*—"give her an inch and she will grasp an ell;" and, right or wrong, *she sticks to what she grasps*; thus, the Andersonian Masonic creed was *belief in God*. But this simple and undeniable creed was insufficient to satisfy sectarian bigotry; hence our present Masonic creed *is a mere bungle*—one claims Masonry to be *Cosmopolitan*, and another proves it to be a *Christian* something. Looking upon the question from that point of view I felt justified in defending the G.O. of France for ridding her ritual of all kinds of theological creeds.

I must here add, that the G.L. of Massachusetts appointed a Committee on the G.O. question on 12th September 1878. The Chairman of the Committee presented a Report, in the usual stereotyped language, condemning the said G.O.; objections were, however, raised by some of the Committee. The result was—he was allowed to read his first resolution—consisting of "glittering generalities." The remaining resolutions were re-committed. "No one has ever called for them since, and no one ever will." I had this from the highest authority.

And now for other points in your editorial. The Rev. Bro. J. Milner was requested to deliver a St. John's Day oration. He never having read the works of Bros. Findel, Lyon, Hughan, Gould, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the *Freemason*, &c., took Oliver for a guide, and recited a great deal of nonsense, such as "according to the tradition of our venerable Society, Enoch was a very eminent Mason;" that "a Lodge must have been in full working order on the plains of Shinar during the lifetime of Noah," that "Pythagoras and Plato were initiated into a Jewish Lodge," and "that the Pyramid was merely a spurious Lodge." These statements you pronounced *absurd*, and that "no sane man could for one moment seriously entertain such propositions as these." Now, my dear Bro., I do not find fault with your remarks; nay, I even praise them; thus again showing that *I do praise where praise is due*; but I really can see no difference between the absurdities of Bros. Milner and Woodbury. Thus, if Mentu-Hotep wore a Grand Master's regalia he might have presided over his Grand Lodge inside the Pyramid, and the same reasons you have used against Bro. Milner's absurdities can be with equal force be applied to those of Bro. Woodbury's. You say further—

"Bro. Woodbury has sought, not in our opinion successfully, to establish a connection between the architectural mysteries of ancient Egypt and the mysteries of our speculative Masonry of to-day."

Bro. Woodbury certainly sought to establish such a connection, but he not only failed to prove an Egyptian "Speculative Masonry," in our sense of the phrase, but he even furnished no evidence that Egyptian architects practised any mysteries whatever. All Bro. Woodbury did prove was the antiquity of laying corner-stones, the names of the then architects, and also that they were held in high esteem by the then kings: that one at least was a humane, just, and pious man, as piety was then understood, but what has all this to do with [illegible]*teries* and *Speculative Masonry?* The masons now employed in building the Cathedrals have no mysteries, and need no mysteries, and the masons of 5,000 years ago also needed no mysteries. Before, therefore, you, my dear Brother, undertook to combat my views about the mysteries and Speculative Masonry of the Egyptian Masons, you should, in the outset, have furnished evidence *about the very existence of mysteries among the Egyptian architects; and this you failed to do.* True, you say that "Lord Carnarvon holds that Freemasonry dates back from remote antiquity." Well, I presume that thousands believe as Lord Carnarvon does. But you will find upon inquiry that these—Lord Carnarvon included—have no other base for their belief than tradition, and about *tradition* Dr. Arnold truly but humorously remarked,—

"I am satisfied that if you let in but one little finger of tradition, you will have in the whole monster—horns, tail and all."

Truth, my good Brother, is one and indivisible; Error is multiform. The moment we allow ourselves to drift away from the central point of truth we plunge into a sea of error. Of course there are various degrees of error, but whether of a greater or lesser degree they are still errors, and should be alike avoided. Thus, you laugh at the "Oliver School" for believing without evidence (except tradition) about the Grand Mastership of Enoch, Noah, Solomon, the St. Johns and Co., and others will surely laugh at your supposition that the Essenes, though they were not Masons, but because they had secret mysteries, were, therefore, Speculative Masons. While, on the other hand, as to the old Egyptian architects, though there is no evidence of their having practised secret mysteries, because they were architects you imagine they were also Speculative Masons. In short, on comparing the errors of the "Oliver School" with those of Bro. Woodbury, I find merely "a distinction without a difference."

I once more beg to express my gratification at your outspoken fearless remarks about what you designate as "the Oliver School," and from the progress you thus make in the right direction I am led to hope that you will continue to proceed onward and onward in the path of rational criticism.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

P.S.—Your review in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 21st August, of Dr. Weisse's 'Obelisk' book, pleased me much, and in the peculiarly expressive words of Rip Van Winkle I say, "*Aha! dat ish werry goot.*"

Boston, U.S., 5th September 1880.

VOIGT *v.* TREVOR AND OTHERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am not inclined—even after seeing the heartrending appeal of Brother Trevor in your, and your contemporary's columns, and the one-sided letters of his partisans—to enter into a wordy war on this subject, as I can afford to treat the effusions of defeated litigant and his colleagues with indifference and equanimity. Nor should I have put pen to paper in the matter if I had not felt it my duty, as a Mason, to put myself right with my brother Masons upon one point, upon which they all appear to agree, namely, that if I commenced the action and went forward with it to trial I was in the highest degree to blame. If my brother Masons, without going beyond this question, and seeking to prove (which they cannot possibly do without a public investigation before the authorities) which party to the suit has acted rightly in the matter, and whose conduct is most culpable, will confine themselves—as I shall for the present—to this one point, I will endeavour to show them who is really responsible for the cause coming before a jury, and whose conduct is therefore to be the most condemned. A few words will suffice to do this.

In the first place, before even issuing the writ in this action, I had the express permission of the Provincial Masonic authorities for doing so. This I am ready to prove whenever called upon to do so.

Secondly, after the writ was issued, I demurred to some of the defendant's pleadings. Having finally succeeded in my demurrers, I then abandoned the action for libel. At the end of two years from that time, however, and when I had given up all thoughts of proceeding with my case, judge of my astonishment at receiving from my solicitor, Brother John Hearfield (who with his brother, Mr. T. W. Hearfield, was my solicitor in the action), the following letter, which, as will be seen, was written in consequence of the defendant Trevor's proceedings:—

"Hull, 23rd January 1880.

"IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

"Yourself *v.* Trevor and others.

"DEAR SIR,—You will remember that in the argument of a demurrer in this action before Mr. Justice Field, his lordship expressed a very strong opinion that the matter ought not to go into Public Court, and that it should be arranged by the Grand Lodge. In deference to that opinion the matter has since remained in abeyance, but yesterday Trevor, one of the defendant's, took out a summons to obtain an order dismissing the action for want of prosecution, and that you should pay the defendants' costs. Thus you will see that your forbearance from prosecuting your claim meets with no appreciation, but simply emboldens the defendant to demand his costs. If an action is not proceeded with any defendant is entitled as a matter of course to get an order dismissing same, for want of prosecution, and in this case such an order has been made, unless you give notice of trial within seven days from this day. We strongly advise you to let us take this case for trial, and we feel

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assured that defendants, instead of obtaining costs, which they now impudently demand, will have to pay both damages and costs.

"Please give us immediate reply.

"Yours truly,

"J. & T. W. HEARFIELD."

"H. E. Voigt, Esq."

After this I am content to leave the point to your readers, and I doubt if, after reading this epistle, they will endeavour to help a Mason who seeks to uphold the MORALITY of Freemasonry in such a manner.

As I fully expect that the Masonic authorities will bring us face to face in a short time to investigate this matter, I trust I shall not be considered *unmasonic* if I refuse to follow the example of your correspondents by divulging the proceedings of open Lodge. I am convinced that I have not been guilty of any conduct that will not bear the closest scrutiny, and I ask your readers, as brother Masons, not to help me to pay my costs—but to defer their judgment on the various points of the case until after the public inquiry shall have been held. I would also suggest that brethren should refrain in the meantime from helping Brother Trevor till he has disproved what I now set before you, and shows clearly and conclusively, if he can, that he himself is not responsible for forcing the whole matter into Court.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY E. VOIGT.

Kingston Chambers, Hull, 20th Sept. 1880.

THE UN-MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This is not, in my opinion, one of those cases in which common fairness demands that a correspondent should be called upon "to ratify the good faith" of his letter "by subscribing thereto his *real name and address*." Bro. Trevor has appealed to the Craft, of which I am a member, to help him in the unpleasant position in which he finds himself placed as the unsuccessful defendant in a certain action for libel brought against him by an ex-member of his Lodge. I have neither said nor implied anything against him. I have merely suggested that before any response is attempted to his appeal, the fraternity to which it is addressed has a right to insist on being placed in full possession of all the *facts* of the case. Your editorial footnote is sufficient voucher, of course, for my good faith and the sense of responsibility with which I wrote my letter in the character of "A LOOKER ON."

Nor, it would seem from the letters which have since appeared in your columns, and those of your contemporary, am I alone in the adoption of a *pseudonym*. For instance "A SOLICITOR AND A MASON" considers Bro. Trevor's request for assistance is "premature," and asks if "it would not look more decent in the defendant to wait" until "the exact amount" of the costs had been ascertained. He thinks "this question should be answered in a satisfactory and explicit manner before any assistance is given," and it strikes him as being "an undignified mode of proceeding, this appeal to charity, after an action at law (which, by the jury's verdict, was evidently a proper one to be brought by the plaintiff) has been fairly lost and won." I am no lawyer, but here is the opinion of a qualified legal practitioner, and I would specially invite the attention of your readers to the parenthesis in the last quotation, so that they may contrast it with Bro. Trevor's view as to the action which, in one part of his appeal to the Craft, he describes as "un-Masonic" and in another as having "been brought in open defiance of all Masonic principle and law."

But a letter which appeared in your contemporary last week from one signing himself "AUDITOR," and who describes himself as a lawyer as well as a brother, and as having been present at, though not engaged in, the action, gives an entirely different reading from Bro. Trevor's. "AUDITOR," I should say from the manner in which he writes, has some knowledge of the inner life of the Alexandra Lodge, and is desirous of giving your contemporary's readers "some good and substantial reasons why Bro. Trevor should not be benefited in the way he wishes," and he proposes to do this "from a pure wish that justice may be done between man and man—between Mason and Mason." After this preliminary justification, the writer proceeds thus:—

"Bro. Trevor, in his letter, wishes to make your readers believe that Bro. Voigt, and not himself, was the cause of the case coming before Mr. Justice Bowen at Nisi Prius. This is simply untrue, and evidently intended to mislead your readers. The fact is simply this. After Bro. Voigt had commenced his action, and the defendant had pleaded in due course to his statement of claim, the plaintiff demurred to the defendant's pleadings, and the demurrer was duly heard before Mr. Justice Field in London. After this the plaintiff, thinking probably that Masonry had been sufficiently exposed to the public, and letting his personal feelings in the matter give way to the higher considerations of expediency and public good, let the action drop, and if Bro. Trevor had not forced it on (by taking out a summons to show cause why the plaintiff should not proceed or pay the defendant's, Bro. Trevor's, costs), the case, according to the evidence, would never have been heard in open court at Nisi Prius. This Bro. Trevor himself admitted, and, therefore, I say, he seems to me to be guilty of intentionally and deliberately trying to mislead his brother Masons when he wishes them to believe that the plaintiff forced the case into court."

It is not my province to decide between "AUDITOR" and Bro. Trevor; but here, at all events, as I have said, is another version of the case presented to that public to which the latter is so earnestly appealing for help, in which the responsibility for the action at Nisi Prius having been brought is in a measure shifted from the shoulders of Bro. Voigt to those of Bro. Trevor. In other words, nothing more would ever have been heard of the case after the demurrer "before Mr. Justice Field in London," but for the conduct of Bro. Trevor.

In a subsequent paragraph "AUDITOR" writes:—

"Perhaps the strongest reason, however, why Bro. Trevor should not meet with the help he asks for, is to be found in the fact that he acted in the matter without being in any way called upon to do so—not being an Officer of the Lodge—and, further, that he acted in a grossly unfair and un-Masonic manner. He is asked by the W.M. to draw out a circular anent Bro. Voigt's conduct, and if he had originated a reasonably fair and honest epitome of the obnoxious business, and left it to the brethren afterwards, in open Lodge, to have decided whether Bro. Voigt's conduct was or was not to be condemned, he might have escaped blame; but 'dressed in a little brief authority,' he evidently wished to vent all his spleen against the offending member in one virulent manifesto, and in doing so, in my opinion, he either went beyond his instructions, or he followed a course of conduct which he ought, as an upright man and a Mason, to have refused to lend himself to."

If in this paragraph I separate mere matters of opinion from matters of fact, I find "AUDITOR" affirming that Bro. Trevor "acted in the matter without being in any way called upon to do so," though a line or two further on he says he was "asked by the W.M. to draw out a circular anent Bro. Voigt's conduct." These statements are not necessarily irreconcilable, but if they are reconcilable, and possess, either or both of them, any value, they weigh less heavily, in my judgment, against Bro. Trevor than the inexplicable haste with which retaliatory proceedings were urged by him and others against Bro. Voigt. But still more important is "AUDITOR'S" statement, according to which plaintiff's counsel, in his summing up, drew the attention of the court to the fact that, "although several members of the Alexandra Lodge—including the Past Masters—were present in court, yet—*mirabile dictu!*—not one of them was called to contradict any one statement of the plaintiff's."

Another correspondent, "S. R.," in reference to the same trial says, "I consider that, so far from awarding him" (Bro. Trevor) "our sympathy and pecuniary aid, he deserves only our severe censure and reprobation." He mentions what, in his opinion, was irregular in the proceedings of the Lodge when Messrs. Tew and Casson were blackballed; he holds that the Circular containing the libel "reflected on the conduct of Bro. Voigt, because he had exercised his undoubted prerogative," and concludes his letter as follows:—"A Mason has his Masonic redress and his civil one, and if a brother makes a cowardly attack on him, by means of such a circular, and then seeks to hide his responsibility by calling it a 'privileged communication,' the plaintiff was quite right, and every Mason or man of spirit would take the only course to clear his reputation, by taking the matter to a court of law."

My letter is mere milk and water by comparison with the last two from which I have quoted. My proposition that before any response is made to Bro. Trevor's plea for assistance, the Craft should be put in possession of all the facts of the case, needs no argument to enforce it any more than it needs substantiation by my *real name and address*. But if a reason must be had, then I say it will be found in the letters which appeared last week in yours and your contemporary's columns, which give another aspect to the unseemly squabble.

I must apologise again for trespassing on your space, but there is one other matter I would draw attention to. Bro. Voigt, even with the verdict in his favour, must be money out of pocket. Yet he maintains a dignified silence, though Bro. Trevor's "Appeal to the Craft" spares him not. This is a contrast in the two men which ought not to be lost sight of.

Fraternally yours,

"A LOOKER-ON."

P.S.—If a verbatim report of the whole proceedings were published, we should be in a better position to judge for ourselves, on which side the blame rests.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that my expostulation of last Saturday has brought two replies; but my answer to both must be very short, as, like "H.," I too am enjoying my annual holiday on the sad sea waves, and do not care to be bothered with letter writing. I am charmed to hear that my little effort has added in any way to the enjoyment of "H.," and trust that the effect of the sea breezes will be to enable him to regard with more charity those Masons who find amusement in practising "degrees" of which he does not approve.

Absence from home and consequent inability to refer to books for dates must furnish me with an excuse for not going into details in reply to "LIVE AND LEARN," but if he will refer to Bro. D. Murray Lyon's sketch of the Royal Order of Scotland, which has just made its appearance, he will there learn of at least one "degree" which was in existence not less than half a century before the Union. "LIVE AND LEARN" admits that the "Side and High Degrees are eminently reputable and interesting." Quite so; that is exactly what I submitted, and that was exactly the reason I objected to the style of the remarks of "H." regarding them. If he will take the trouble to re-read my first letter, he will find that I did not argue that they were "Masonry." On the contrary, I quoted *in full* the clause in the Constitutions which "H." for his own ends only quoted in *part*, and in which "High Grades" then existing were distinctly recognised by the Grand Lodges as lawfully to be practised by Masons in Lodges.

Yours fraternally,

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

North Sea, 22nd September 1880.

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UNDUE HASTE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I wish to have the opinion of some of your readers, as well as to ventilate my own views, on a vexed question which too frequently prevails amongst some members of the Craft, and which, to my mind, is of vital importance in the making of a Mason. I shall, therefore, feel greatly obliged by your inserting, at your earliest convenience, in your justly valued organ of the Fraternity, this letter. I venture also to think it may have a beneficial effect so far as concerns the introduction of candidates into the Order. There are certain preliminary questions which have to be put to candidates as a test of their qualifications; not the least important of these questions is, that of the repetition of the printed declaration (therefore no part of our ritual), and I would ask, is it consistent with common sense that the Deacon should be allowed to tell the candidate to answer in the affirmative without giving him the opportunity of exercising his reasoning powers? I most strennously hold that a man who is not capable of answering these simple questions is not qualified to be admitted a member of our Order. Perhaps the most important of all is the question immediately after the prayer, "In all," &c. Assuming the candidate does not at first quite comprehend this question, I suggest that it be asked again and again rather than comparative force should be put upon him to gain his reply to a question he does not fully comprehend. I have had the honour of being a member of the Fraternity for nearly thirty years, and during that time have seen some hundreds of candidates initiated, and I can safely assert that in nineteen cases out of twenty the candidates have answered all the questions without any being put a second time, and that without prompting by the Deacon. Indeed, I cannot recollect a single instance (that is, in my own Lodge and a few others I have frequently visited) where any of the questions have been misunderstood. I may not express my ideas in writing so fully as I could desire, but I shall be glad to meet any of your readers with a view to discuss this question. What I contend for is, that the questions should be so asked that the candidate may have the chance of answering of his own free will and accord, and that he may not be placed upon the footing of a young school boy, which is too often the case when the impetuous Deacon is too urgent in suggesting the replies.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS ALEXANDER, P.M. Joppa 188.

194 Fleet-street, 17th September 1880.

THE LATE BROTHER PETER GILKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you or any of your readers inform me where I shall find a memoir of the above distinguished brother, who died towards the end of the year 1833 or the beginning of the year following? if so, I shall esteem it a favour if any one will oblige me with a reference.

Fraternally yours,

STUDENT.

FUNERAL OF BRO. EDWARD COX.

THE interment of the remains of the late Bro. Edward Cox took place on Tuesday afternoon, in the Cemetery at Highgate. Among the friends, relatives, and Masonic brethren of the deceased, who attended the ceremony were—Bro. Edward H. Cox (son) and Mrs. E. H. Cox, Bro. W. Clifton Crick (son-in-law) and Mrs. Crick (daughter), Mr. Edmund Cox (brother of deceased), Mr. Cox, of Stoney Stratford, and Mrs. Cox, Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones P.M. 657, Bro. W. J. Crutch, Mr. Hartshorn, Mr. F. Martin, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Harry G. Rogers (Secretary of the United Law Clerks' Society), Mr. Scrivener, Bro. John Layton No. 657 (Vestry Clerk of Islington), Mr. Willcocks, Brother W. F. C. Montrie, Bro. James Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. H. Massey. The Province of Northampton and Huntingdon was represented by Bro. Butler Williams, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. Frank J. Buckle, Provincial Grand Secretary; Bro. J. U. Stanton, Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon; Bro. S. P. Ekins, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. T. M. Evans, Worshipful Master Lodge of Fidelity No. 445, Towcester, Provincial Grand Pursuivant; and Bro. H. Standley, Worshipful Master Lodge of Perseverance, No. 455, Kettering. Among the brethren and gentlemen who assembled at the deceased's place of business to witness the departure of the funeral *cortège* were W. Long, George Martin, C. Noad, D. J. Noad, Joseph Thorpe, J. Warner, and Clutterbuck. On arriving at the Cemetery Chapel, the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. George Stanton, D.D., Bishop of North Queensland, who is a very old friend of Bro. Edward Cox, and who called on, and spent a considerable portion of his time with, Bro. Cox during his long illness. When the body had been committed to the earth, and the funeral service completed, the family of the deceased gave their final look at the coffin, with many tears and sobs, and when the relatives had departed the Masonic brethren approached the grave, and dropped their sprigs of acacia on the coffin of a dear old friend and a true Mason, whom they were never to see again. Although the funeral was numerously attended, there is reason to believe that if the London brethren had not been, as a rule, out of town, the company would have been more numerous, and it is probably owing to this circumstance that the Secretaries of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and members of the Committees of those Institutions, to which Bro. Cox was deeply attached, were not also present.

REVIEWS.

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Recherches sur le Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté. Précédées d'un Historique de l'origine et de l'Introduction de la Franc-Maçonnerie en Angleterre, en Ecosse, et en France. Par J. Emile Daruty S.G.I.G. 33e Vénérable de la R. L. Ecoss. L'Amitié No. 245. Paris: Chez le F. Panisset, Rue de Metz, 14. Ile Maurice; General Steam Printing Cy, Rue du Gouvernment, 6. 1879.

THIS work, which is fraternally dedicated to Bro. Albert Pike, of the Supreme Council (Southern Jurisdiction) of the United States, and Bro. Cremieux and the members of the Supreme Council in France, exhibits the author in a very favourable light, and bears unquestionable testimony to his loving labours and painstaking research. In the list he gives of the works consulted are all the best and most trustworthy histories, and sketches of Freemasonry either in its integrity, or as existing in particular countries and localities, among them being the works of our own Bros. Preston, Murray Lyon, Hughan, Gould, Cox, Mackenzie, &c.; that of Bro. Cindel, the well-known Masonic historian of Leipsic; and those of Thory, Rebold, Ragon, Clavel, and other eminent French writers on Freemasonry. From such sources it was to be expected that any one taking upon himself the task of writing of any branch or offshoot of Freemasonry, would be able to compile a narrative that should be not only readable and instructive, but likewise as nearly as possible complete and exhaustive. But considering the wider range of Masonic inquiry during these latter years, and the greater degree of accuracy the present generation of Masonic writers have sought, and in many instances attained, it is not a little surprising that a writer of such acumen as M. Daruty shows himself to be in a great part of his elaborate work should have adopted seriously the myths and legends of our Fraternity. There is no doubt these myths and legends cast a halo of mystery around the origin and early progress of the Craft, but the days have passed since the pretty little traditions about St. Alban, Edwin of York, &c., &c., are accepted seriously as a part of the History of Freemasonry. No one, of course, would take so deep an interest in the histories of Greece and Rome if the fabled stories about Hercules and other mythic heroes in the one case, and those of the birth and education of Romulus and Remus, &c., &c., in the other, were passed by without notice. These are no longer regarded as possessing a real value as regards the particular persons, places, and times they refer to, though there seems to be little doubt they do contain a certain indeterminable amount of truth, but changed and modified from the original in the course of being handed down orally from generation to generation. We have so often been at the pains of expressing our opinion as to the sense in which Freemasonry may be accepted as an institution which had its origin in remote antiquity that we need not be at the pains of repeating it in this article. But it is very trying to our more sober judgment to ask of us to accept the array of Grand Masters, from St. Alban to Sir Christopher Wren, who are alleged to have presided over the destinies of the Craft in the days anterior to the year 1717. Thus it severely taxes our patience when we find it gravely repeated in the pages of what purports to be a veritable History of Freemasonry, that our Edward III. proclaimed himself Grand Master in 1327, when he was still under the tutelage of his mother and her infamous paramour Mortimer; that Henry V. was initiated in 1442, that Henry VII. presided as Grand Master at a Lodge of Masters assembled in his palace at Westminster on the 24th June 1502, and that James I., Charles I., Charles II., &c. &c., &c., were in the succession of Grand Masters from Sir Thomas Gresham, in the reign of Elizabeth, to Sir Christopher Wren in 1685. Nor do we regard with more favour than they deserve the myths which envelop the early history of Freemasonry in Scotland. We claim to be severely sceptical as to the foundation in 1314 by Robert the Bruce of what is known as the Royal Order of Scotland. There are portions of our so-called history which read prettily enough no doubt, but which only unthinking brethren would dream of accepting. It is the more to be regretted, therefore, that a writer like M. Daruty should consider it necessary to preface his Researches into the rise of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite with so much that is merely amusing fable. The year 1717 is quite far enough back for any one whose object is to sketch the history of this particular rite.

The revival of Freemasonry is fairly and fully described under the Second Part, or that of the "Period of Progression," and there is much given under this head which cannot fail to interest the Masonic reader. Too great stress seems to have been laid on the doings of the Grand Lodge in York, with its imposing title of Grand Lodge of *all* England. York will always be an honoured name among Masons, because of its presumed connection with our legendary history, while its wealth of ancient remains will always make it a centre of attraction, but its Grand Lodge had very little to do with the spread of Masonry in England. Preston, it is true, speaks of the Grand Lodge in London having invaded the domain of the York Grand Lodge, but whatever may at one time have been the influence of the Northern Lodge, it gradually waned before the ever-increasing activity of its Southern rival, till, after having dragged on a precarious existence, not uninterrupted by at least one period of absolute rest, it ultimately passed away in the closing decade of last century, but little now remaining in evidence of its existence beyond the memory of its venerable traditions.

As regards the introduction of Freemasonry into France, M. Daruty very properly mentions the different statements with reference to the existence of Lodges in the seventeenth century only to point out that there is no authentic testimony, no historic document to support them, be the different systems never so ingenious or the view unfolded to our gaze never so seductive; it is wiser to confine oneself to established facts, and recognise that it is in England and Scotland that

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the debt from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and that such sums of money received in makings and contributions, &c., be transmitted to the Grand Lodge at the discretion of the W.M. and his Officers and Brethren." On Monday, the 8th day of April 1822, the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge had their first Masonic procession, when they went, headed by a band of music, from Bro. Oyston's, Golden Lion Inn, to St. Hild's Chapel, where Bro. the Rev. R. Green, delivered an occasional sermon, and a collection was made on behalf of the Funds of the South Shields and Westoe Dispensary. The memorial to Bro. John George Lambton P.G.M., asking for permission to wear Masonic clothing, set forth that St. Hilda's Lodge had its existence upwards of forty-two years without once having a procession, or ever being brought into notice in this county, "therefore the brethren felt that no objection would be made to their request." None was made, and the procession took place, and was followed by a banquet at which the brethren were "allowed to drink what best suits them."

The year 1822 was one of renewed and substantial prosperity for the Lodge. In this year the brethren celebrated the sixth septenary of the establishment, and the occasion was marked by great rejoicings. Special efforts to refurnish the Lodge and to make the celebration worthy the Craft and the Brethren had been made by all its friends for some time previous to the day of celebration. At an emergency meeting on 5th April 1822, after the ordinary business had been transacted, "Bro. Potts, making a very handsome speech, presented the Lodge, in the name of himself, Bro. Salmon (the late respected Town Clerk of South Shields), and Bro. Tosbach, with the three lesser lights in Masonry." Bro. Barnes then presented one of the greater lights—viz., a new Bible, very neatly bound and handsomely embellished. Bro. Thomas Wilson, "who has very much distinguished himself as a well-wisher to the prosperity of this Lodge, then delivered a present on behalf of Bro. Robert Wright of a silver square and compass to be used by the Master. Bro. Tate and Bro. Mitchinson presented the binding of the Constitution Book, done in a very elegant manner. Bro. Cuthbert Young presents a neat framing for the Constitution warrant. Bro. Confer gave an offering of three new mallets, very neatly hooped with silver. Bro. Wilson also presented, on behalf of a few female friends to Masonry, a new handsome banner of Masonic arms. Bro. Wilson likewise, on his own behalf, presented another new banner to precede the Master in all processions; he also presented a Bible bearer, and on behalf of Bro. Pittigrow a very neat cushion." These generous donors were all duly thanked. Doubtless the Lodge-room thus handsomely furnished presented an attractive appearance, and the curiosity of outsiders had evidently been excited, for it was moved that gentlemen not Masons should be allowed to inspect the Lodge on the day following these presentations, but to this the brethren objected, and would only concede the privilege to ladies. On Monday, 8th of April, the sixth septenary of the establishment of St. Hilda's Lodge was celebrated by a grand Masonic Assembly, held in the Lodge-room, at which there was a large gathering of the members, and numerous visitors from St. George's Lodge, North Shields, Sion Lodge, North Shields, Peace and Unity Lodge, Morpeth, St. John's Lodge, Sunderland, Union Lodge, Gateshead, and Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, together with the Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter, and the brethren of the Knights Templar's degrees and other Past Masters and Masters of other Lodges. A Masonic procession on a grand scale, headed by music, proceeded to St. Hild's Chapel. The minute of the event says, "The procession of march was very splendid." A special service was held, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Robert Green, of Gateshead, and collections amounting to £22 0s 5d were taken for the Dispensary. The celebration concluded with a Festival, at which upwards of 100 brethren sat down. Altogether the celebration of 1822 was a grand success.

From April of this year until October the affairs of the Lodge progressed favourably, but on the 14th of the latter month the General Lodge, we find, was held at the Freemasons' Arms, the house of Mr. Grieves, the then Tyler of the Lodge. The reason for such remova

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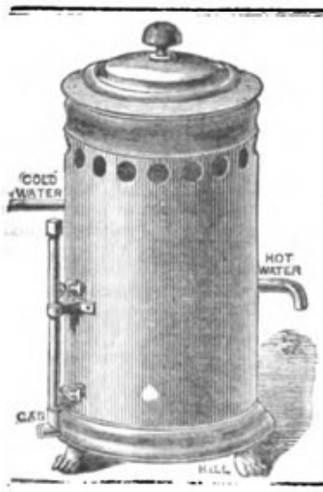
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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CENTENARY OF ST. HILDA'S LODGE, No. 240.

(Continued from page 197.)

IN August 1814 the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge were once more solicited to join in a Masonic procession, this time in Newcastle, but in the minute relating to the occurrence no mention is made of the occasion. The year 1817 seems to have been a busy and an important one, for in the months of February, March, April, May, June, and July, the business of the Lodge was apparently confined to the consideration of new By-laws, and of the new mode of working the Lodge promulgated by the Grand Lodge of England. On the 9th of June 1817, it is recorded that "the new Constitution Book was this night received from London." On the 13th of July the new mode of working, as ordered by the Grand Lodge of England, was introduced and adopted. At this time the Lodge seems to have been held at the Golden Lion Hotel, for on 12th August 1817, Bro. Potts proposed that Robert Grieves, waiter at the Golden Lion Inn, should be made Master Mason free of expense, which was unanimously agreed to. This was no doubt in order that the refreshments of the brethren could be properly attended to.

In this year occurred the death of Princess Charlotte, and the sympathy of the brethren of St. Hilda's is evidenced in the folowing minute: —"Lodge of Emergency, 19th Nov. 1817. Present 56 brothers. On this night the brethren meet in commemoration of the death of the ever-to-be-lamented Princess Charlotte, when Bro. C. Bainbridge was proposed and unanimously appointed to the chair, who, after addressing the brethren on the great solemnity of the occasion, requested that they should proceed to the Chapel of St. Hild's, were the Rev. Robert Harrison delivered a most pathetic and interesting discourse on this sad, this solemn, this melancholy event. The brethren returned in due form, when after the necessary arrangements, the Worshipful Master drank to the immortal memory of the Princess Charlotte, which together with other sentiments highly expressive of his feelings (on this mournful event) closed the business of the night. Temple Smith, secretary." The entry does more credit to Bro. Smith's heart than his powers of composition. On the 7th of March the following unpleasant entry occurs:—"Bro. Thos. Hall called the attention of the Lodge to the improper conduct of Bro. George Harland." After a ballot had been taken on the matter, the following letter was drawn up and sent to the Grand Lodge and to Prov. G. Lodge:—"St. Hilda's Lodge, South Shields, 10th March 1818.—Sir and Bro.,—The following charge was preferred against Bro. G. Harland a member of our Lodge, at a general Lodge held 9th March 1818:—It was regularly proposed, seconded and strongly supported, that Bro. G. H. had invariably and in various companies, not of Masonic assemblies, exhibited the signs of Masonry, not only in the first degree, but had violated as high as the Holy Royal Arch, in consequence of which a ballot took place, when the before-mentioned Bro. G. H. was declared suspended until he obtained pardon from the Grand Lodge.—Dear Sir and Bro. (signed on behalf of the W.M.), yours fraternally, Thos. Halliday." On the 16th July the same year a special meeting was held, at which "Bros. Wm. Crawford, B. Scott, George Potts and Thomas Hall were deputed to represent St. Hilda's Lodge at the Provincial meeting at Durham on the 27th July, there to witness the installation of Bro. John George Lambton, Esq., M.P., as the Provincial Grand Master of this Province." In this year the funds of the Lodge do not seem to have been flourishing, for on the 12th of October it is resolved to suspend all relief "until the Funds of the Lodge are adequate to pay the Lodge's debt." Justice before generosity was evidently the motto of the brethren of St. Hilda's then. On the 13th of March 1820, the generosity of the Lodge was appealed to by the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, who, in a lengthy memorial, set forth that on the morning of the 3rd inst. a dreadful fire broke out in the town of Chatham, which, in addition to burning several houses belonging to members of the Lodge, destroyed the Lodge-room and valuable regalia belonging to the brethren, "by which the Lodge was reduced to a state of great distress, and without the means of being restored to that state of respectability attained from the savings of nearly one hundred years, the period it has been established." The memorial proceeds to say that subscriptions are being collected for the sufferers who have been rendered houseless, and during the inclement season of the year were exposed to "all the peltings of the pitiless storm, at a time of great commercial distress, owing to the recent wars." The pathetically-worded memorial was considered with becoming spirit, and a donation voted, for which St. Hilda's afterwards received the thanks of their brethren from Chatham. In this year there was once more "trouble in the Church." On 17th July Bro. Potts proposed that Bro. Thomas Hall be paid the sum of 8s per night for attendance, and 1s a degree for making, passing, and raising, and be free from collection for refreshment. To this an amendment was proposed by Bro. Clough, that Bro. Hall "be paid as our former Bro. Wright was paid on the account of business." The amendment was carried, whereon Bro. Hall rejected the amendment, and did say when he attended St. Hilda's Lodge he would be

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paid as our former Bro. Wright was, or he would not attend the Lodge, for self-interest was his intention. Bro. Hall was evidently not actuated by purely Masonic spirit. The August meeting passed over quietly, but on 11th September there was much unpleasantness. During the progress of the business it is recorded that Bro. James Confer "came into the Lodge in a very disorderly manner and insulted the Master and Brethren most grossly, and was called to order by the W.M., which he refused, and then the W.M. ordered him to leave the Lodge, which he would not, but offended every brother, which caused one brother to leave the Lodge, and then James Confer rose with violence and mocked the W.M., and told him that he did not know his duty, &c. His behaviour caused the Lodge to be closed in great confusion, and it was resolved that his improper conduct should be taken into consideration on the first Lodge night. Consequently, on the night of 9th October Bro. Thos. Bell proposed that the said James Confer be suspended for such conduct from attending St. Hilda's Lodge till due submission be made for such conduct." This was seconded by Bro. Ralph Robson, and carried. In 1821 Bro. Geo. Card was Tyler, and a strange card he must have been, for on 8th January is this entry: "Bro. Geo. Card hoped the W.M. and brethren present would take into consideration to allow him *two* glasses of spirits in the winter, which was unanimously agreed." At an emergency meeting on 19th January Card figures again in the minutes:—"Resolved by the members present that the Tyler Geo. Card's salary be reduced to £2 2s per year, and to have no shoes, but his usual allowance of two glasses of grog." At the same meeting it was likewise resolved that the Secretary have no salary, but a moderate refreshment. The quantity for the Secretary, however, is not stinted, save by the unknown quantity implied by the word "moderate." It is gratifying to find that Bro. James Confer, on 12th February 1821, was readmitted a member of St. Hilda's Lodge, after making due submission for his former misconduct. In this year of trouble the Lodge seems to have been in debt to the Grand Lodge, and in December it was resolved —"That the most strict economy be attended to in order to liquidate the debt from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and that such sums of money received in makings and contributions, &c., be transmitted to the Grand Lodge at the discretion of the W.M. and his Officers and Brethren." On Monday, the 8th day of April 1822, the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge had their first Masonic procession, when they went, headed by a band of music, from Bro. Oyston's, Golden Lion Inn, to St. Hild's Chapel, where Bro. the Rev. R. Green, delivered an occasional sermon, and a collection was made on behalf of the Funds of the South Shields and Westoe Dispensary. The memorial to Bro. John George Lambton P.G.M., asking for permission to wear Masonic clothing, set forth that St. Hilda's Lodge had its existence upwards of forty-two years without once having a procession, or ever being brought into notice in this county, "therefore the brethren felt that no objection would be made to their request." None was made, and the procession took place, and was followed by a banquet at which the brethren were "allowed to drink what best suits them."

The year 1822 was one of renewed and substantial prosperity for the Lodge. In this year the brethren celebrated the sixth septenary of the establishment, and the occasion was marked by great rejoicings. Special efforts to refurnish the Lodge and to make the celebration worthy the Craft and the Brethren had been made by all its friends for some time previous to the day of celebration. At an emergency meeting on 5th April 1822, after the ordinary business had been transacted, "Bro. Potts, making a very handsome speech, presented the Lodge, in the name of himself, Bro. Salmon (the late respected Town Clerk of South Shields), and Bro. Toshach, with the three lesser lights in Masonry." Bro. Barnes then presented one of the greater lights—viz., a new Bible, very neatly bound and handsomely embellished. Bro. Thomas Wilson, "who has very much distinguished himself as a well-wisher to the prosperity of this Lodge, then delivered a present on behalf of Bro. Robert Wright of a silver square and compass to be used by the Master. Bro. Tate and Bro. Mitchinson presented the binding of the Constitution Book, done in a very elegant manner. Bro. Cuthbert Young presents a neat framing for the Constitution warrant. Bro. Confer gave an offering of three new mallets, very neatly hooped with silver. Bro. Wilson also presented, on behalf of a few female friends to Masonry, a new handsome banner of Masonic arms. Bro. Wilson likewise, on his own behalf, presented another new banner to precede the Master in all processions; he also presented a Bible bearer, and on behalf of Bro. Pittigrew a very neat cushion." These generous donors were all duly thanked. Doubtless the Lodge-room thus handsomely furnished presented an attractive appearance, and the curiosity of outsiders had evidently been excited, for it was moved that gentlemen not Masons should be allowed to inspect the Lodge on the day following these presentations, but to this the brethren objected, and would only concede the privilege to ladies. On Monday, 8th of April, the sixth septenary of the establishment of St. Hilda's Lodge was celebrated by a grand Masonic Assembly, held in the Lodge-room, at which there was a large gathering of the members, and numerous visitors from St. George's Lodge, North Shields, Sion Lodge, North Shields, Peace and Unity Lodge, Morpeth, St. John's Lodge, Sunderland, Union Lodge, Gateshead, and Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, together with the Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter, and the brethren of the Knights Templar's degrees and other Past Masters and Masters of other Lodges. A Masonic procession on a grand scale, headed by music, proceeded to St. Hild's Chapel. The minute of the event says, "The procession of march was very splendid." A special service was held, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Robert Green, of Gateshead, and collections amounting to £22 0s 5d were taken for the Dispensary. The celebration concluded with a Festival, at which upwards of 100 brethren sat down. Altogether the celebration of 1822 was a grand success.

From April of this year until October the affairs of the Lodge progressed favourably, but on the 11th of the latter month the General Lodge, we find, was held at the Freemasons' Arms, the house of Mr. Grieves, the then Tyler of the Lodge. The reason for such removal from the Golden Lion Hotel was given by the W.M. Thomas Hall as follows:—"The W.M. stated to the members present that in consequence of an order issued from Mr. Thomas Hardy, one of the executors of the late Thomas Oyston (deceased), they could not have the use of the Lodge-room. This circumstance caused the W.M. to convene the Lodge in a room in the Tyler's house for one night, till further arrangements could be made." The room had evidently not been convenient to the members, and consequently part of the business that night had to be postponed. The next meeting, held on 11th of November 1822, seems to have found the members back in their old Lodge-room in the Golden Lion Hotel, but a fresh difficulty was brought before the Lodge, which is best explained in the simple words of the minute book. The Lodge being opened in due form, the W.M. observed that after this night Mr. J. Oyston would expect the candles to be paid for at the expense of the Lodge; when Bro. Vasey said that if this should be the case he would recommend that every Bro. should be permitted to drink and spend whatever he pleased in the Lodge, and not as was lately recommended, that every one should be obliged to spend 1s each towards refreshments. It was then moved by Bro. R. Dixon, and seconded by the W.M., that 1s per month for refreshment be contributed by each member when present on each regular month-night, and that the lighting of the Lodge be contributed to by each member of St. Hilda's; and in order to carry the same into effect, Bro. Dixon presented the Lodge with a box of candles, which were thankfully accepted. The action of Mr. J. Oyston so dissatisfied the brethren, that at an emergency Lodge, held on the 20th of November, it was resolved to remove the Lodge from the Golden Lion to some more convenient place, and on 9th December the brethren met in the Crown and Anchor, Commercial-street (Bro. James Hall). On 25th December 1822, the Lodge received the present of a piece of rough stone taken from Gibraltar Rock by Bro. Barkas Scott. The Lodge continued to assemble at Bro. Hall's throughout that year, but on 13th December 1823, an intimation was received by the W.M. from the P.G. Secretary that the Provincial Grand Lodge for Durham would be held in South Shields on the 26th of the same month; and as there was not accommodation at the Crown and Anchor for so large and august an assembly, the brethren were fain to go back to the Golden Lion Hotel, where also the annual Festival of St. Hilda's Lodge was held that year, on 26th December (St. John's Day). After one or two meetings in the Golden Lion Hotel the Lodge returned to the Crown and Anchor—Bro. Hall undertaking to provide four candles to illume the room during meeting—where they continued to meet until January 1827, when the members returned to their old quarters at the Golden Lion.

From this time up to the fiftieth anniversary the Lodge proceeded to meet regularly with varying success, and not without internal troubles, from the ever recurring grievance of the fines for non-attendance, finances, &c. There were, however, not a few occasions on which the harmony and Masonic spirit of the brethren was befittingly manifested. On 4th February 1828, the brethren joined in an address of congratulation to the Prov. G.M. on his being created a Peer of the realm, as the Earl of Durham, for his distinguished services. The Fiftieth Festival was held at Mr. Oyston's, Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. Robert Dawson being W.M.; but on that occasion only thirteen brethren sat down to the banquet. On 3rd July 1833, Lodge re-assembled, after a cessation of fifteen months, and Bro. George Potts, who for years previously, and for years afterwards, proved himself to be a good Mason, acting as W.M., said they were met to consider whether the Lodge was to be resumed or shut up altogether. The brethren resolved to continue, and once more a fresh start was made, and a week afterwards Bro. Potts was unanimously elected W.M.

(To be continued.)

ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

THE Installation Meeting of Rose Croix Chapter, Lily of the Valley, No. 7 of this Rite, was held on Friday, 17th inst., at the Temple, Dame-street, Liverpool, when the following brethren were impressively installed in their respective offices by Illustrious Brother C. James 33 Grand Inspector General.—Ill. Bro. J. W. Turley 32 M.W.S., Sir Knights H, W. Quilliam 31 S.W., Squire Chapman 32 J.W., W. Longbottom 30 Orator, S. Howard 30 Sec., T. W. Blades 30 Architect, F. B. Bramham 30 Conductor, W. Kinsey 30 Captain of Guard, F. Evans 11 Guard of Tower, J. Jack 11 Organist. The Chapter was honoured by the presence of Most. Ill. G.M. G. John Yarker 33, and Ill. Bro. J. H. Southwood 32 was delegated by Chapters The Primitive Pilgrims No. 5, and Rose of Sharon No. 6 to convey their hearty good wishes and congratulations. On the termination of the ceremony, the Illustrious Princes and Knights adjourned to the Reform Club, where a most *récherché* banquet was furnished by Bro. Knight, the manager. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and after a most pleasant evening, the proceedings terminated.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, has resumed its meetings at "The Jolly Farmers'" Tavern, Southgate-road, every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Comp. J. L. Mather P.Z. 1471 is the Preceptor.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Bowels.—A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poisonous taints from ulcers and healing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruptions from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen, a rash appears, and as it thickens the alvine irritability subsides. Acting as a derivative, this unguent draws to the surface, relieves the tender intestines from all acrid matters, and prevents inflammation, dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-fashioned, though successful treatment, now from its painfulness fallen into disuse, the discovery of this Ointment having proclaimed a remedy possessing equally derivative, yet perfectly painless, powers.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

BY command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley R.W.P.G.M., the annual meeting of the brethren connected with the Province of Cheshire was held on Wednesday at the Public Hall, Runcorn, for the transaction of the business of this important section of the Masonic body in this country. Amongst the chiefs of the Order present were Bros. Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M., F. A. Dickson P.G.J.W., H. Howard P.P.G.J.D., W. Nickton P.P.G.J.D., C. J. Howard P.P.G.J.W., James Salmon P.P.G.S.D., W. Mathews P.P.G.A.D.C., S. W. Wilkinson P.P.G.S.D., T. Smith P.P.G.S.D., John Wood P.P.G. Reg., Herbert Finch P.G.D.C., G. Burrows P.P.G.J.D., Thomas Clark P.G.S. of W., West Lancashire, T. Chesworth P.P.G.D.C., A. E. Cokayne P.P.G.S.B., W. B. Ackerley P.G.J.W. West Lancashire, G. H. Holden P.G.S.B., P. Wadsworth P.P.G.A.D.C., W. S. Sutton P.P.G.J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C., E. C. Cooper P.P.G.S.B. East Lancashire, W. Harrison P.G.S. West Lancashire, R. C. Mellor P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, F. K. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B., W. Booth P.G.S., T. Marwood P.P.G.J.W., R. Eardley P.P.G.D.C., E. H. Griffiths P.G. Sec., Rev. J. C. Macdona P.G.C., H. Williams P.P.G.A.D.C., T. A. Collinson P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, J. K. Green P.G.S., G. Barlow P.P.G. Organist, F. Jackson junior, P.G. Treas., W. Fair P.G.J.D., J. Cavanagh P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Bowes P.P.G.J.W., J. Hibbert P.G. Reg., H. Jackson P.G.P., J. Tomlinson P.P.G.S.B., Rev. J. F. Dean P.G.C., R. Beales P.P.G.J.W., T. H. Kirk P.P.G.O., W. Nicholls P.P.G.P., Rev. C. W. Stanhope Grand Chaplain of England, W. Greator P.P.G.P., H. Bulley Past G.S.B., L. Bradley W.M. 322, W. S. Clayton W.M. 537, C. P. Titherley W.M. 1350, E. K. Ellison 1350, F. Thompson W.M. 477, A. K. Gardner S.W., D. Fraser P.M. Treasurer, S. Jones P.M. Secretary, J. H. Johnston P.M. 477 and 1350, J. G. Adams P.M., W. Bennett P.M., J. Dutton P.M., C. Berry, W. Hopkinson, &c. There were altogether about 400 brethren present from all parts of the Province, there being a large representation of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Officers connected with the various Lodges in this division. The P.G.M. was received according to ancient form, and the effect of the reception was considerably heightened by the performances of Bro. T. Batley 852 (bandmaster of the Lancashire Hussars), and Bro. G. A. Batley 992, who acted as trumpeters. Letters of apology for non-attendance were acknowledged from Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie P.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, and other distinguished brethren. On the roll of the Lodges being read by the P.G. Secretary, it was found that all were represented, the post of honour with regard to numerical attendance being occupied by the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 758, which was represented by 35 brethren, the Warren Lodge, meeting at Liscard, following suit with 17 members. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Stockport, read by the P.G. Secretary (Bro. E. H. Griffiths) were unanimously confirmed. The P.G.M., who was very warmly applauded, referred to the great pleasure which it gave him to visit that part of his Province once more, and he was very thankful again to express his gratitude for the prosperity which had attended the Lodges in his division during the past year—a year which had once more been marked by the greatest unanimity. He felt exceedingly grateful for the support which he had received from every Lodge within the Province, and he was glad to know of the continued prosperity of the various Lodges. The large attendance of the Ellesmere Lodge, under whose banner they met that day, showed how largely the spirit of Freemasonry actuated the brethren in that part of the Province. He could assure the brethren that the office of P.G.M. was not a "bed of roses;" and with regard to the appointments which he made year after year, he felt bound to state that he alone was responsible for the selections, which were carried out to the best of the knowledge he possessed with regard to the various brethren. After giving several hints as to the duties of the various Lodges, his Lordship concluded by intimating that he would hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Macclesfield. Bro. F. Jackson Prov. Grand Treasurer, in submitting his annual financial statement, said he had more than ordinary pleasure in doing so. After paying off the sum borrowed from the bank in order to buy a Scholarship in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, there was a balance to the credit of the Prov. Grand Lodge of £214, all expenses, except that connected with the meeting that day, having been paid, including the amount voted for the October elections. Only one Lodge had neglected to pay its dues, but three had sent in their payments too late to be entered. On the whole, the payments from the various Lodges had been more promptly made than in previous years, and he (the Prov. Grand Treasurer) cordially thanked the Secretaries and Treasurers for this satisfactory state of things. He again asked the responsible Officers of the Lodges in the Province to send in their returns in good time, so as to save the Prov. Grand Treasurer the labour of sitting up till midnight on the eve of the Prov. Grand Lodge to make up his accounts.

On the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. P. Platt P.P.G. J.W., Bro. F. Jackson was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M. then appointed the following as his Officers for the year :—Brcs. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M. (re-appointed), George William Latham P.G.S.W., Henry Hall P.G.J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C. (re-appointed), Rev. J. Cumming Macdona P.G.C., F. Jackson jun. P.G. Treasurer (re-elected), J. Hibbert P.G.R. (re-appointed), E. H. Griffiths P.G. Secretary (re-appointed), J. Clayton P.G.S.D., R. Rigby P.G.J.D., S. Ball P.G.S. of W. (re-appointed), Herbert Finch P.G.D.C (re-appointed), J. K. Digges P.G.A.D.C., T. D. Simcock P.G.S.B., Henry Collier P.G. Org., H. Jackson P.G.P., J. H. Holtaway P.G. Tyler (re-appointed), and Bros. W. Mellor, J. H. Salkeld, G. Moss, W. Lyon, Torkington and Coxhill P.G. Stewards. Bro. J. P. Platt was re-elected Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence. Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Wood, Dutton, Bennett, Holden, and Sutton. On the motion of Bro. Wood, seconded by Bro. F. A. Dickson, the sum of 100 guineas was voted from the funds of the P.G. Lodge for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Aged Men and Women, so as to constitute the P.G.M. a Vice-Patron of each of these Charities.

At the close of the business proceedings, the brethren marched in procession to the parish church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Macdona P.G.C. A collection was made at the close of the service, in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, and towards the funds of the National Schools, Runcorn.

In the evening about 200 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the National Schools, the room being tastefully decorated for the occasion. The catering was entrusted to Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle Street, Liverpool, and their efforts gave ample satisfaction. Bro. Lord de Tabley Prov. G.M. presided, and he was supported by a large representation of his Officers and other distinguished brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening.

It is proposed to present Bro. Lord de Tabley Prov. Grand Master with a full length portrait of himself, on the seventieth anniversary of his birthday. The portrait will be subscribed for by the brethren in the Province.—*Liverpool Mercury.*

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. Bros. Brasted W.M., Smyth S.W., Christian J.W., Wardell S.D., Williams J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin acting Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Gillar, Carr, Polak, Larter, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Polak, a candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third and Bro. Polak was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren in search of Masonic knowledge will find all they require at this old-established Lodge of Instruction, which meets under the able Preceptorship of Bro. P.M. Wallington.

Priory Lodge, No. 1000.—This Lodge held its first meeting after the recess at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Thursday, the 16th inst. There were present Bros. G. F. Jones W.M., G. Berry S.W., T. F. Barrett J.W., J. A. Wardell P.M. and P.Z. P.P.G.D. Sec., W. D. Merritt S.D., F. D. Grayson J.D., W. G. Brighten P.M. and P.Z. I.G., G. R. Dawson D.C., A. Martin Tyler, J. C. Johnstone Prov. J.D. I.P.M., A. Sucking P.M. and P.Z. Prov. G.D. of C., J. R. Hemmann P.M. P.P.G.D., and a good muster of members. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Wardell J.W. 95 C. Wood 315, C. Floyd 1808, T. Bertram 1817. After the preliminary business, the W.M. raised Bro. G. L. Wood to the third degree, and initiated Mr. J. R. Brightwell into the mysteries of the Order. Several propositions were given in for joining members, and a candidate for initiation at the next meeting Lodge was then duly closed.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—At the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., on 21st inst. Bros. Shipley W.M., Kern S.W., Holness J.W., Medwin S.D., Cotton I.G., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Sec., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Button candidate. Bro. Hunter then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Lake candidate. Bro. Kern was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned to Tuesday next.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On 20th instant. Bros. Edwards W.M., Gilham S.W., Harris J.W., Byng Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Forge S.D., E. Woodman J.D., Ferror I.G.; also Bros. Nodder, Rothschild, Pearcy, Osborn, Gardner, Gibb, Mendelsohn, Weeden, Morgan, Longhirst, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rothschild candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Nodder being the candidate. Bros. Edwards, Nodder, and Morgan were elected members.

Lodge of Hospitality, No. 1697.—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous offshoot of Masonry was held, on the 9th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester. There was a good muster of brethren, and the degrees were worked in a manner which spoke well for the devotion of the Worshipful Master and his Officers to their Masonic duties. After the Lodge had been raised, Bro. William Rowbottom S.D. 1028, by request of the W.M., delivered an oration on the origin of Masonic Ritual and Tradition, in the course of which he traced the intimate connection observable betwixt the geometric design and symbolism of the Great Pyramid, and those peculiar observances by which among Masons the attributes of the Supreme Being are recognised and reverenced. At the close of the oration a most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given, on the proposition of Bro. the Rev. A. J. Harrison, the Chaplain of the Lodge, seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Phillips P.P.G.C. There were present at the Lodge—Bros. Jas. Howorth W.M., R. Rawlinson S.W., J. R. Lord J.W., Rev. A. J. Harrison Chaplain, W. H. Baxter Secretary, H. Pickup S.D., J. Taylor J.D., F. Keyte I.G., J. Rothwell Tyler, Thos. Pilling P.M., John Taylor P.M., J. H. Edmondson P.M., J. W. Taylor, and others. Visitors—Bros. Rev. J. B. Phillips P. Prov. G.C., Henry Coupe W.M. 274, J. E. Wright W.M. 286, John Ramsbottom, P. Whitaker and others.

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assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. P. Feeny acting as candidate. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Paul candidate. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Hemming, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Morgan and R. H. Clemow were unanimously elected members. It is gratifying to announce that this Lodge of Instruction, although it has been but two and a half years in existence, has just voted ten guineas—to be placed on the list of Bro. Briggs—for the Boys' School. Bro. Kauffmann was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. During the evening it was announced that the Fifteen Setions would be worked on the 4th October, under the presidency of Bro. Hemming. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed.

MEMBERS, BUT NOT BRETHREN.

From the Freemasons' Repository.

It may appear, at first sight, a bold assertion to make that in our Fraternity all are members, but many unfortunately are not brethren. Such, however, is undoubtedly the case. Many ally themselves with us and wear the spotless lambskin, who are entirely ignorant of the real meaning of the endearing term, *Brother*. These are members, but not brethren. What, then, is the cause of this? Is it the fault of the teacher or the taught? It is sometimes the one, and at other times the other. We fear, however, if we write truthfully, that the blame lies principally at our own doors. We receive petitions, and the committee, upon whom rests the responsibility of investigating the character and habits of the applicant, too frequently without thoroughly enquiring into the moral, social, and intellectual qualifications of the neophyte, reports favorably, and the members of the Lodge, acting upon said report, cast in the white-ball, and Mr. —— is declared elected. Here is where the first and great trouble lies.

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ings of the Craft, and it was the general desire he should continue so to do. With the toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, was associated the name of Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who felt it a pleasure, as it was a duty on this occasion—inasmuch as there was no other Grand Officer present—to reply. At the time of the consecration of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, he had been elected an honorary member; he had paid the Lodge several visits since, and these visits had always been of a very pleasant character. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had honoured the toast. Bro. Lazarus had the honour of proposing the health of the W.M., whom he had had the pleasure of installing that evening. He trusted the year Bro. Defriez had now entered upon would be one of prosperity to the Lodge, and that the members would continue to work in that spirit of harmony which had always characterised their proceedings. After an admirable musical selection by Bro. P.M. Seddon came the reply of the W.M., who after thanking Bro. Lazarus, the P.M.'s, and brethren for the kindness they had displayed on the mention of his name, assured them it would be his study to advance the interests of the Lodge, and promote the welfare of its members. The next toast that was offered was the health of the Visitors; the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, accorded one and all a hearty welcome. After an appropriate song by Bro. John Berry, Bro. Cumberland in an elaborate and well-considered speech, replied. Our worthy brother pointed out many important lessons we could learn from the teachings of the Lodge room, and exhorted the brethren to foster and uphold the best and truest principles of Freemasonry. On rising to propose the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. expressed the satisfaction the Lodge felt at the way Bro. Lazarus had carried on his work during the past year; he also assured Bro. Lazarus of the infinite pleasure it gave him to be the medium of placing on his breast the Past Master's jewel which had been voted him by the brethren. Bro. Sturtevant here favoured the company with "Old Simon the Cellarer," and then came the reponse—short, but to the point—of the I.P. Master. Bro. Terry, in reply to the toast of the Past Masters, briefly sketched the career of the Lodge. As one of the visitors had truly remarked, there was not much to be gained by a great accession of membership to the Craft. What he, with the other Past Masters of the Lodge, desired to see was,—worthy men around them. He referred to the newly appointed Treasurer, and directed the attention of the members to Bro. Crutch's many sterling qualities. He assured them the Past Masters of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, as a body, would each and all strive to advance Freemasonry in its best phases. For the toast of the Officers Bro. Sturtevant S.W. replied, and then the W.M. gave Prosperity to the Charities, with which he would couple the name of Bro. Buss. Bro. Buss, on rising, assured the W.M. that he felt somewhat out of his element when called upon to reply for the Charities; more especially so when there were present others who could give much more ample details of what each respectively was doing. However—if we may be allowed to say it—we think our genial friend the Assistant Grand Secretary was not the round man in the square hole he would have desired the brethren to believe. In speaking of what was being done by our Institutions he proved he was thoroughly posted up, and we can assure the members of any Lodge he may visit that—failing any one else, and they desire to know what is being done by the Institutions—they cannot do better than ask Bro. Buss to reply for this toast. After Bro. Berry had favoured the company with his favourite song, the W.M. rose. He could not let the opportunity slip without assuring Bro. Terry, who had held the post of Treasurer since the formation of the Lodge—which post he was now vacating only because of the many other claims he had upon his time—of the appreciation the members felt for his valuable services. He (Bro. Defriez) trusted Bro. Terry would be with them for many years yet to come, and would ever hold the same exalted position in the estimation of the brethren. Bro. Terry, in thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, said it had been the wish of the founders of the Burdett Coutts Lodge to establish a Lodge, of but few members, but a body desirous of advancing the principles so ably advocated by the illustrious lady whose name they bore. He spoke of the deep interest her ladyship had taken in the Lodge since its formation; how she had expressed a desire—even when the Lodge was but in contemplation—to be associated more closely with it. As a lady, she knew she could not be a Freemason, but she had been a co-worker with Freemasons in carrying out the principles of Charity. Bro. Terry then reminded the bretbren of the Bible which her ladyship had presented them with, and then related the incidents that attended her ladyship's visit to their Lodge on 23rd July 1875, when, for the first time in the history of the Craft, ladies were received within the precincts of an open Lodge. This, our brother maintained, was a grand day for Freemasonry. Bro. Terry then recounted how the Baroness had tendered the Lodge an invitation to attend a garden party at her residence, and how the brethren availed themselves of the opportunity, and passed, with their wives and lady friends, a most pleasant afternoon at Holly Lodge. He next referred to the financial condition of the Lodge, which was eminently satisfactory, and then tendered his thanks to the brethren for their kindness in offering to make him an honorary member; a kindness, however, he could not permit, as he did not wish to become a "silent member" in the Burdett Coutts Lodge, where he hoped to attend for many, many years yet to come, and to continue to take as active a part in the working as hitherto he had done. He felt proud of being a P.M. of the Lodge, and as a P.M. with full power to take part in their proceedings he desired to remain. In due course, the Tyler gave his toast, and at a late hour the brethren separated. A pleasing incident of the evening was the re-appearance in Lodge, for the first time since a serious illness, of Bro. Past Master Toy. To use our worthy Brother's own words,—the day was so fine, and he so yearned for the society of his brethren, that he determined to make an effort, and to crawl down to his Lodge. The reception the members gave him seemed deeply to affect Bro. Toy. We sincerely trust he will not feel any ill effects from the exertions he made to be present, and that he may shortly regain the vigour which now—we hope only for a short time—he seems to be deprived of.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, 13th September, when the W.M., Bro. John Duckett jun., was supported by his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John Usher I.P.M., Thomas Prentice S.W., C. B. Ford J.W., John Spearman Treas., E. J. Gibbon Sec., James Cook D.C., Thos. Stafford S.D., D. McDonald J.D., R. Ferry Organist, J. McKay I.G., W. T. Lowrey S.S., Thomas Dinning J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the transactions read, the brethren rose to receive the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, namely, Bros. P.M.'s R. Eynon P.G.S.W., James Cook P.P.G.S.W., W. M. Bell P.G.A.D.C., G. J. Dean P.P.G.A.D.C., E. J. Gibbon P.G.O., B. P. Ord P.PG.O., John Usher P.G.S., W. Cooper P.G.A.P. The Lodge was also honoured by the presence of the following distinguished Visitors, viz., Bros. P.M.'s Wood 48, M. E. Catcheside 1676, J. Braithwaite 1427, R. G. Salmon 406, John Millburn P.D.J.W. Egypt, and Bros. A. D. Campbell I.G. 541, G. R. Leah 1621, H. E. Maynard 1426, T. P. Bennett 1342, E. A. Gibson 424, J. B. Fairland 24, W. Lyon 406, A. Simpson 406, and James Liddell 48. Bro. Thomas Salmon 406 then came forward, and having satisfactorily answered the questions, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. D. McLeod 48, and W. V. Dobson demonstrated their proficiency, and were put in possession of the pass word. Bro. Salmon was then re-admitted, and impressively passed to the second degree by the W.M., the I.P.M. Bro. John Usher conducting the ceremony in the S.E., the S.W. explaining the working tools. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bros. McLeod and Dobson having gained re-admission, were with great effect raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who explained the tracing board and working tools, the I.P.M. delivering the charge. The Lodge was then successively closed from the third and second to the first degree. The hearty good wishes of the Provincial Grand Officers and other Visitors having been tendered, the Lodge was closed in love and harmony. A large number of brethren remained to the "fourth." The toasts of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were duly given by the W.M., and loyally honoured by the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. James Cook P.P.G.S.W., who, in responding, cordially thanked the W.M., and observed that as the Provincial Officers were drawing near the close of their year of office, he trusted the official visit had been productive of good, and as the W.M. had expressed a hope that the system of visiting might lead to a uniformity of working, he could not but concur in that hope, although he was afraid the time had not yet come when this would be brought about. The Visitors were then brought under the notice of the brethren by the W.M., who expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and coupling the toast with the names of Bros. Maynard and M. E. Catcheside. Bro. Maynard, in a very complimentary speech, thanked the W.M., and hoped that any of the brethren who might be in London would visit The Great City Lodge, where they would receive a hearty welcome. Bro. M. E. Catcheside then ably replied, and announced his intention of officially visiting the various Lodges during his year of office. Bro. R. L. Armstrong then rose to propose the health of Bro. John Duckitt jun., and in a eulogistic manner referred to the ability displayed by the W.M., remarking that he richly deserved the position he held. Bro. Duckett, in a feeling manner, responded to the toast of his health, and in thanking Bro. Armstrong for the kind expressions used by him, assured all present that he had a great love for Freemasonry, and would spare no pains to promote it. The W.M. then proposed the health of his Officers, who he said had ably supported him. He coupled the names of Bros. Prentice and Ford with this toast, Bro. Ford responding in suitable terms. The harmony of the evening was simply delightful, the opening being made by Bros. Maynard and Gibbon, while Bros. Liddell, Dewar, Dewar jun., Gibbon, Ferry, and Richardson formed themselves into a glee party, and rendered glee after glee in the most effective and enjoyable manner. Thus passed another happy meeting of this prosperous Lodge.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican, on Monday, the 20th inst. Present:—Bros. Brown W.M., Collison S.W., Balls J.W., Nell S.D., Tate J.D., Brocklehurst I.G., Wing Treasurer, Fox Sec., Gush Preceptor, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and according to ancient custom. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Willis, a candidate for the third, answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tate, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section. Bro. Willis was then raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Fox worked the second, and Bro. Gush the third section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Collinson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Tate for his excellent working of the third degree, and his ability in the chair. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was adjourned until Monday next, at 8 p.m.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Present:—Bros. Turner W.M., R. P. Tate S.W., Abell J.W., Long Preceptor and Secretary, Gates S.D., Brocklehurst J.D., Pate I.G.; Bros. Fox, Brown, Ball, and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Ball offered himself as a candidate for the third. He was examined, entrusted, and he retired. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed

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by the W.M. The sections of the lecture were worked by Bros. Tate, Abell, and Brown. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Tate was elected W.M. for next Wednesday, and Lodge was then regularly closed.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at Bro. Hallows', The Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present:—Bros. Carter W.M., F. Hallows S.W., Inman J.W., Clark Sec., Franklin S.D., Upward J.D., Edwards I.G.; also Bros. Webster, Reed, and Mostart. Visitors—Bros. Buckley and Kirkland. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Buckley candidate; the same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened to the second by Brother Hallows, and Brother Buckley was duly passed. Lodge was resumed to the first, when a vote of thanks to Bro. Carter was proposed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able way in which he had worked the first ceremony. This was seconded and unanimously carried. Bro. Franklin was proposed W.M. for the ensuing week, and this was unanimously agreed to. Lodge then closed and adjourned in usual form.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—A regular meeting was held on the 19th instant, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, and there was a most influential attendance. The chair was occupied by Bro. Leon Jacobs, who was supported by Bros. B. Kauffmann, J. E. Edwards J.W., Silvester S.D., Birrell J.D., Davis I.G., L. Solomons Sec., Devine Treasurer, Hemming Preceptor, and Bros. Feeny, Paul, Sharrer, Wilson, H. M. Levy, T. J. Briggs, Ginger, E. Storr, Kidder, Morgan, W. M. Stiles, F. Clemow, R. H. Clemow, &c. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. P. Feeny acting as candidate. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Paul candidate. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Hemming, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Morgan and R. H. Clemow were unanimously elected members. It is gratifying to announce that this Lodge of Instruction, although it has been but two and a half years in existence, has just voted ten guineas—to be placed on the list of Bro. Briggs—for the Boys' School. Bro. Kauffmann was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. During the evening it was announced that the Fifteen Setions would be worked on the 4th October, under the presidency of Bro. Hemming. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed.

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There are others again who, forgetting their pledges, have really united themselves with us for mercenary motives; who are ever ready to meet the stranger with mystic sign and secret grip, and parade a square and campass, or keystone, or cross on chain or lappel of collar. Such men never were brethren and never will be. They are a disgrace to any institution, and especially the Masonic. But it is very difficult to rid ourselves of them, when once they have passed the sacred portals. Their acts prove them to be worthless, but they are of such a character that it is impossible to lay hold of them and punish the offenders as we should. Unfortunately they too frequently entrap the unwary, and the young Mason, with his open generosity, too often suffers from the plausibility and cunning of these vampires of the Craft. Again the fault lies at our own doors, for such men should never have been permitted to pass between Jachin and Boaz.

Others again have by some means gained admission, who are morally blind; who cannot discern or discriminate between right and wrong; who profess a belief in a Divine Being and pledge themselves never to mention His holy name except with that reverence due from the creature to the Creator, and yet hourly pollute their lips with frightful oaths, obscene language and dreadful imprecations. We have such members amongst us, who not only thus attempt to degrade the name of GOD, but by their midnight orgies, drunken brawls and disgusting revels, keep away from us many good and pure men, who, judging from these black sheep of the flock, smile scornfully or sorrowfully at our "peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Members of this stamp never could of course be brethren, and it is the duty of officers and all true Hiramites to bring such men to trial and mete out to them even-handed justice. The immoral man and irreligious libertine should find no place in the *sanctum sanctorum*; his example is pernicious to the young and his society baneful and unpleasant to the old. Can the scoffer at the Chief Corner Stone of the Fraternity be a suitable ashlar in the Temple of the MOST HIGH GOD? We are often forced to allow the negligent and careless to remain with us, but it is wrong, and worse than wrong, to allow him who debases himself and the Brotherhood by obscenity and profanity to remain one hour longer amongst us than is absolutely necessary. Warn and advise him; if that fails, drive him out from amongst us as a leprous and unclean thing.

We have thus endeavoured to point out that many members of our Fraternity, practically, are *not brethren*, and we think if we carefully weigh the matter in our minds, we will be obliged to sorrowfully admit that the fault to a great extent is our own. We are too careless in scrutinizing the character of those who seek admission to our mysteries, and many Lodges are too eager to accept material, in order to add to their numbers and increase their funds. Never was a greater mistake made in Masonry than this. Numbers are worse than useless to us unless we have the proper material. We cannot build our spiritual temple of rude and rough and broken ashlars. All must be as nearly perfect as possible in that "spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

We make it our boast that ours is an institution founded upon morality and based upon a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe; how necessary is it then that we should guard our portals with a jealous care, and let none pass but those who respect man's honour, glory in woman's virtue, and appreciate GOD'S infinite goodness and mercy. Such men as these become brethren as well as members, and, thank GOD, we have thousands and tens of thousands of such in our ranks—men stedfast, earnest and true, but men who do right for the sake of right, and shun wrong because it is wrong. These are the Masons to be found every day at the bedside of the sick, in the garrets of the poor, and in hovels reeking with pestilence and disease.

The Masons that are brethren in heart as well as in name form a glorious contrast to those who have forgotten their vows and neglected their duties.

The former are the true Sons of Light, eager to practise charity and inculcate the GOD-giving principles of The GOD of Truth; the latter are the spots that soil and blacken the lambskin and degrade our noble institution. It is well to draw the veil of charity over their errors and misdemeanours, with the hope that by care on our part we shall prevent other unworthy ones gaining admission to our mysteries, and with the trust that He, who in His infinite *wisdom* saw the *beauty* of such a spiritual temple as man in his *strength* is endeavouring to erect to His honour and glory, may so fashion and hew these rough ashlars as to yet make them fit stones for that Masonic edifice, that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, which we, the followers of the Widow's Son, are daily working at in His most holy name.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, 30th Sept., by Bro. James Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, P.M. 222, P.Z. 228, &c. Lodge to be opened at 8 p.m. sharp.

The Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, will hold its first meeting after the recess, on Thursday, 7th October, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

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NEW SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8, OTHELLO.
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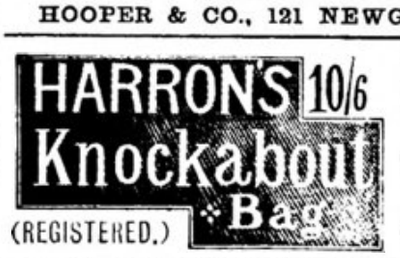
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UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR CHARITIES.

WE, in common with the majority of the Masonic world, have frequently had occasion to lament the inability of the Committees of our Charitable Institutions to admit all the candidates who come before them; and who, after proper inquiry, are deemed worthy to receive the benefits of our Schools or the Benevolent Institution; but, however much we may deplore the fate which awaits the unsuccessful at the respective elections, it seems almost beyond reason to expect that it will ever be possible to admit all who put forward a claim for such relief as our Charities are able to afford to some, at least, of the many in need of it. English Masons may, and do, refer with pride to their acts of charity, and there are few, either in this country or abroad, who would dare accuse them of being niggardly in their gifts, or who could expect them to relieve all who seek assistance at their hands. Even if this were possible, it would first be necessary to settle the question whether true charity consists in giving indiscriminately to all who seek, and as there can be no answer but a negative one to this query, it is incumbent on us to make such laws and rules for the admission of candidates to our Institutions as shall prevent any relief being given to unworthy applicants. For the present we shall confine our remarks to the two Schools, for which, as our readers are already aware, the number of candidates for the October elections are very far in excess of the vacancies that have been declared; and also because the same rules do not apply to the Benevolent Institution, neither do we believe that such comments as the present are needed in respect to that Charity. It is doubtless well known to our readers what our opinion is as regards the examination made into the position of would-be candidates for our Schools. We deem it far from what it should be; in fact, it is too easy to place an applicant on the list of "approved candidates," and consequently it occasionally happens that undeserving candidates secure from the committee not only an opportunity to try their success at one or more elections, but sometimes succeed in securing admission to the Schools. In making this charge it may be thought we consider the Committee who pass the petitions are to blame, but such is not the case; they may be said to do all that is required of them—although we have always looked upon the way in which the petitions are submitted and approved as a complete farce. Still, as we have said, the alteration of that particular item is not the object of our present remarks. What we wish to urge is, that the laws of the Schools offer no preventive to either dishonest or unworthy candidates. As the matter stands at the present time, it would be possible for the widow of a Mason, even though in receipt of a princely income, to petition for the admission of her son or daughter to one or other of our Charities, and strange as it may seem to those unacquainted with the routine work of the Committees, we venture to state, without fear of being proved wrong, that in nine cases out of ten her petition would be approved, and the name of her child placed on the list of candidates for the coming election. We do not mean to assert that this could be done if a full statement of the facts were before the Committee, but as such is not compulsory, we submit that there are persons who would see no wrong in withholding any particulars likely to prejudice the case. It is not even the duty of the Lodge to certify that the widow's income is small or great, but simply to state that, in its opinion, she is not in as good circumstances as she was at the time of her late husband's initiation; a statement which the mere fact of her having been left a widow would, in all cases, justify them in making. But even otherwise, how would it be possible for the members to secure reliable information except by the sworn affidavit of the party concerned? Under existing circumstances nothing of this sort is required, but we think a state of things so unsatisfactory should not be allowed to continue much longer, as we feel sure that so long as it does, it will be possible for the benefits of our Charities to be diverted from their legitimate channels.

Were we in a position to disclose information given to us respecting children now in the Schools, and assuming that such could be proved as correct, we doubt not that the Committees would speedily take steps to prevent a recurrence of that misapplication of the Funds which has already occurred, even if they did not summarily exclude the children from any further benefits to which their friends might deem them entitled; but, unfortunately, we are usually pledged to secrecy on this point, or at least, are not permitted to disclose the name of our informant, so that we are helpless in the matter. We cannot understand this reticence on the part of brethren whose knowledge of the facts of a case is, or may become, of such a nature as to affect the rights of the applicant; but there is unquestionably a disinclination to make public statements which, although affecting the private life of an individual, are undoubtedly objects of public importance to all who support the School or other charity from which assistance is sought. It very seldom occurs that we are personally in a position to seek verification of any statements which are made, and thus it is, as we have already pointed out, that we lay ourselves open to the charge of withholding important facts, a proceeding we have justly deprecated on the part of others; but there are exceptions to every rule, and we think the exception to this rule has now arisen.

On the ballot paper for the October election for the Boys' School appears the name of Arthur Harvey Collingwood, son of the late Bro. Francis Collingwood, late of the Canonbury and Albion Lodges, who died on the 16th of November 1878, leaving a widow who, as we learn from the ballot paper, has now four children dependent on her. So far nothing irregular appears, nor would the usual recipient of a ballot paper see anything to excite his attention; but we have for years past known by repute the family of which the late Bro. Collingwood was a member, and should have looked upon them as the last persons in the world seeking to educate and maintain their children by the charity of others. In the neighbourhood in which Bro. Collingwood resided, it was usually assumed that he retired from his business as a butcher with a large fortune, part of which he successfully invested in a flourishing brewery in the north of London; but be this as it may—it is mere report, and, as such, requires confirmation before any action could be taken in respect of it. These are facts in the case which, on the face of them, should require the most ample explanation before the boy is allowed to make another attempt at election to the Royal Masonic Institution. We have searched the Probate Registry at Somerset House, and find that Bro. Collingwood left no will, or at least none could be found. Accordingly, letters of administration were applied for, and, in due course, were granted (in February 1880) to Caroline Collingwood, the lawful widow and relict of deceased, and the amount of his personal property was sworn as being under nine thousand pounds (£9,000). This occurred as recently as February of the present year,

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at a time when the petition of the widow was before the Committee of the Boys' School, and yet, not only is the petition approved, but in April last 743 votes were recorded on behalf of the candidate, who, in all probability, will, unless prevented by action of the authorities, be successful at the coming election. In thus forcibly putting the case before our readers, we are aware that the particulars we have been able to obtain from public sources is but a one-sided view of the affair, but we believe that in the case of a person dying without leaving a will, his property goes to his family—one-third to his widow, and the remainder to his children. If such be the case, and the law of the land decides the question, it will be seen that this family of five have for their maintenance a fortune of £9,000, which, at a most modest way of reckoning, should produce an annual income of close on £300. If the facts, as we have stated them, are correct—and having been obtained from Government returns we fail to see how they can be otherwise—and there are no extenuating circumstances, we consider the petition should at once be dismissed, and the candidate debarred from any of the benefits of the School. We need hardly ask the supporters of our Institutions if the benefits were intended for such applicants?

BEGGING MASONS.

WE have had several instances of late of that intolerable nuisance the "begging Mason." He is, we fear, irrepressible, and as the generations of brethren that have preceded us have not escaped the worry and annoyance which our itinerant ne'er-do-wells are apt to cause, so we anticipate will it be with the generations that follow, who, among the ills that Masonic flesh is heir to, will have sound reason for placing the beggar in a position of some prominence. The question has been latterly asked, How is it possible to deal with these offenders who do so much injury to the Craft by preying upon the kindliness of heart of some of our worthier brethren? This, we admit, is a difficult question to answer. The cases are as various as they are numerous. Where there is one instance of flagrant imposture, there are scores of instances of apparent and painful necessity, which only the closest and most careful inquiry would be able to show as unworthy of relief. Then there is the danger that the wants of the really necessitous, but worthy brother, may be lost sight of, if too rigid a line is drawn and help is denied, unless certain conditions, which, in the majority of cases it would probably be impossible to satisfy, are complied with. And there is, moreover, always facing us this further consideration. The applicant for pecuniary help may not be a model Mason as to his conduct. He may, in fact, have wantonly, or we should prefer to suggest carelessly, committed himself; in other words, he may be alone responsible for the troubles by which he is surrounded, and still the Mason, who is in clover, finds it a somewhat trying task to deny him the little help that he applies for. How often do we hear kind-hearted people say of one who has fallen into difficulties—Confound the fellow; he ought to have done better; his prospects were excellent, and with a little zeal and energy on his part, or with a little management, he might have been doing well. But though the "fellow's" temper or conduct may have been the reverse of commendable, it requires a good deal of courage to refuse him when he appears haggard, needy, and ill-clothed. But having regard to the impostures that are committed every day, it is necessary to be on one's guard, and hence it is that occasionally the request of a worthy sufferer is denied, while those of unworthy and unscrupulous beggars are satisfactorily answered.

One of our correspondents the other day suggested that the matter should be referred to Grand Lodge, but in a brief editorial note we pointed out that the evil complained of was unlikely to be appreciably diminished by any action which Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, might see fit to adopt. The utmost it could do is to enjoin caution in the Lodges within its jurisdiction, and it is unnecessary to point out that those Lodges, with an evil of considerable extent confronting them, are little likely to require any such matter-of-course injunction. They will be careful whom they relieve, if it be only to protect the funds at their command. We may reasonably assume, therefore, that no application will be heeded which does not come before a Lodge of Masons, either well vouched or with something like confirmatory evidence. But not only are needs pressing; they often occur without any warning and from momentary circumstances which could not possibly have been foreseen. Here, again, we can only look to the discretion of a Lodge as to the course it will pursue. Under any circumstances, however, we fear we can hold out no hope to our friends that this class of application will be greatly diminished either now or in the future, and the only suggestion it is in our power to offer is that Lodges and individual Masons will do the best thing they can, as discreetly charitable persons, by not giving of course to all who ask, and yet not refusing without substantial reason.

THE HORNSEA SQUABBLE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

ENOUGH has, we think, already been said about the miserable fiasco which has brought the Yorkshire "Alexandra" into such unenviable notoriety of late. The little bantling has been unhealthy ever since it was hatched; and, had there been less cackling and a greater amount of practical work, possibly we should have heard much more to its credit. We can well recollect the solicitude with which the stalwart Minerva regarded her weakly offspring, whose birth was so convulsive and immature. Very naturally, the little knot of brethren who had chosen the seaside village of Hornsea as a resort or residence desired some means of carrying on their Masonic studies, in company with their immediate neighbours; though there seems to exist a suspicion that the guiding motive on the part of some, at least, of them was to soar, Icarus-like, to seats of eminence which they had failed to reach in their mother Lodges. He must be, indeed, a Saul amongst his fellows who attains the height of his ambition amongst the zealous disciples of the Craft in Hull, where numbers and intelligence both combine to guard the sacred portals of the daïs. Yet with zeal should be always mingled patience, and this virtue we fancy was sadly wanting amongst the founders of the Hornsea offshoot of Minerva. If we judge from the numerous letters we have received upon the subject—and which it were better for the honour and dignity of the Craft we should decline to publish—it would appear there was a little undue haste in scrambling for the collars that had hardly borne a twelvemonth's light under the Alexandra canopy. We refrain even from going so far into detail as some of our correspondents wish, and state how that premonitory signs of hostility marked the first election, in consequence of a desire on the part of one who—though presumably efficient—coveted immediate re-election to the chair. Nor do we care to say that brethren who could as yet be said to have made little more than infant advances in the art were lifted into places above the heads of others far more competent. These are points in the inner life of Lodges which it is eminently desirous should be hidden from the ken of the curious, outside the Lodge itself. But that this growth of petulant dissatisfaction and private jealousy should have burst forth into a judicial feud strikes us as most deplorable, as it is almost unique in the annals of English Masonry. We venture to affirm that, apart from the merits of the question at issue, this youthful scion of the Craft has set such an example of that disagreeable practice known as "washing its dirty linen in public," as might well call a blush to the brow of older and more discreet Masons. Why should the world be informed whether or not a brother who had taken high "side" degrees, but had been slighted in his own Lodge, endeavoured to grasp the wand of power against the wishes of the majority of the "local" members? What need to impute motives of "vaulting ambition," and the antagonism which always encounters it? Are not these matters as profoundly sacred as the very principles upon which the Institution itself is founded? Then, why drag into the light of Masonic—much less of public—criticism, these foibles, which are common to humanity, yet are so rarely to be found in well-constituted Lodges? It is in the utmost spirit of fairness and friendliness that we offer these remarks. If, as was alleged, a brother aspired to a position which a majority of his brethren were reluctant to yield to him, and if, as we further learn, he adopted such means of retaliation for

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his disappointment as might have been deemed "un-Masonic," far better to have smoothed the angry surface of affairs, and have suffered any amount of personal irritation, than have flung them into the arena of a court of law. Sufficient will have been gathered from the numerous letters that have appeared in our columns and elsewhere to enable the Craft generally to form a pretty correct estimate of the affair; and, to our mind, the quarrel is a very pretty one as it stands, without carrying it to greater lengths. We may have our opinion—as most unquestionably the brethren have—as to the wisdom or otherwise of Bro. Voigt taking the initiatory steps along the uncertain paths of litigation. Still, "having succeeded in his demurrer to some of the defendant's pleadings," Bro. Voigt appears to have been content with having, so far, vindicated his character and assuaged his emotions of disappointment; and how much better would it have been had the matter ended there? Undoubtedly Bro. Voigt, as plaintiff in the alleged libel case, did not come out of the trial unscathed, in a pecuniary sense; and this, we presume, he was prepared to endure as a penalty for his unwisdom in having issued the writ. It was like a harmless duel, in which both combatants, having drawn a "little blood," should have declared their honour to be satisfied. This Bro. Voigt, with impulsive, but chivalric, foreign blood coursing through his veins, appeared content to do; but not so the equally impulsive, but discontented, English brother. He had been "slightly wounded" in the fray, but his hurt healed slowly—aye, not at all! After two years' nursing, the wound opened afresh: and, whether of his own free will and accord, or by ill advice of his friends, he once more flutter, moth-like, round the legal candle, and—was singed! His pain, rekindled, drove him into still more impetuous moaning, and there should have been some monitor at his elbow when he issued his "Appeal" to the Craft for assistance, to assuage his pecuniary woes. Surely they cannot have been of so grave a character as to necessitate a world-wide "appeal," but might have been met by those who were morally, if not actively, instrumental in bringing on the second unfortunate law-suit. At all events, nobody can complain of the views taken by Mr. Justice Bowen at *Nisi Prius*, and which expressed in simple language the truism that when naughty boys play with the fire, they must expect to burn their fingers. Happy for us all had Mr. Justice Field's advice been laid to heart, when (as Bro. Hearfield so well put it) "his lordship expressed a very strong opinion that the matter ought not to go into public court, and that it should be arranged by the Grand Lodge." Then there might have been an end to heart-burning and strife, a cessation of this most "un-Masonic" tournament—an absence of this plaintive appeal for help. As to the view the brethren generally should take, we are disposed to side with the majority of our correspondents, who counsel that patience which no doubt both parties to the recent suit now wish they had exercised. We are told that the whole facts of the case are to be detailed to the highest of our Masonic tribunals, but we fervently hope that such will not be necessary after all. If such is the case, there will be a revival of old antagonisms and disputations, the re-framing of inferences long since sunk beneath the waves of common sense in the minds of those who participated in the excitement of the earliest stages of the dispute; and, after all, what can be the result? Neither Bro. Voigt nor Bro. Trevor will feel one whit relieved in his Masonic conscience, and the Craft will be only confirmed in the opinion they now enjoy, namely, that the affair should never have oozed through the portals of the Alexandra Lodge itself, but should have been held in "the safe and sacred repository of the hearts" of the brethren; and that, having unhappily found expression in a moment of heat and irritation, it should have been carried, not into a court of law, but where it is now proposed to transplant it—into the councils of Grand Lodge. We trust it is not, even now, too late for this, so that all bitterness may subside and scandal cease, and that the outside world may not be compelled to remark, "How these brethren love each other!" If by these remarks, and by withholding much correspondence of a personal tinge—such as we feel assured the writers will thank us afterwards for "burking"—we have in any way contributed to such a result, we shall be consoled by the reflection that we have striven consistently with our duty to promote that peace and harmony amongst the brethren which is one of the distinguishing characteristics of our Ancient Order.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE London FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE says, that in the year 1875 it asked, "Where are the Masonic Charities of the United States?" and in a recent number it says:—

"Again we ask,—Where are the Masonic Charities of the United States? We trust we may not have to wait another five and a-half years before we hear from across the water, and that when we do, it will not be an echo of our lament, but a shout of joy at the establishment of a well-organised system of Masonic relief for the aged, the widow, and the orphan."

Several of the CHRONICLE'S correspondents are also repeating the question, and answering it themselves,—erroneously. For example, one who signs himself "BRITON," says: "When it is asked,—Where are the American Masonic Benevolent Institutions, it is left to Echo to reiterate the question."

We will endeavour to save Echo the trouble of reverberating an empty answer again, by giving the true one, which, we trust, will itself find an echo on the other side of the Atlantic.

Fortunately no diligent reader of the KEYSTONE lacks information on this subject, for its numbers have contained frequent references to one or other of America's prosperous Craft Benevolent Institutions. Over five years ago (just at the time when the CHRONICLE first sought light in this behalf) we wrote, and published in the KEYSTONE, an extended editorial leader, entitled, "The Public Masonic Charities of the United States." We also delivered addresses on this topic before a number of Lodges of Philadelphia and its vicinity. American Freemasons, therefore, and Philadelphia Freemasons especially, together with all brethren who "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the KEYSTONE, cannot and would not plead ignorance on this subject. The ignorance abroad, however, appears to be profound. Even where the existence of some of our Benevolent Institutions is known, they are supposed to be of a very recent origin. For example, "BRITON" says: "In 1875 Kentucky had no such building" as the "Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home," when that Charity was organised *eight years prior*, in 1867, and opened in 1870. Others were of still earlier date. In order that there may be no further misapprehension, we will give some facts concerning the origin and present prosperous condition of the leading American Public Masonic Charitable Institutions.

"THE MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME," of Louisville, Kentucky, was incorporated on 15th January 1867, its purpose being to provide a home for destitute widows and orphans of deceased Kentucky Freemasons, and an Infirmary for the reception of such sick and afflicted Freemasons as might be placed under its charge. In 1870 it was opened for the reception of beneficiaries, and ever since it has been enlarging its buildings and increasing its charities. The Lodges are generous in supporting it. On a single day, St. John's Day, 24th June 1873, 18,300 dols. were contributed by the members of the Kentucky Lodges for its maintenance. Even in 1873 the endowment fund raised by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky had reached the sum of 68,000 dols., while individual subscriptions in addition, amounting to 83,000 dols., had then also been contributed. In 1874, its inmates numbered 155 persons. At the present time it has 140 beneficiaries.

Every year the members of the Grand Lodge visit the Home, in a body, when the inmates are introduced to them as their foster-mother, and, like the old Roman matron, the Grand Lodge proudly says: "Here are our jewels!"

THE MASONIC ORPHAN ASYLUM at Oxford, North Carolina, was opened in February 1873, and is supported by contributions from both the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of that jurisdiction. Its design is to protect, train, and educate indigent orphan children between the ages of six and twelve years. In 1875 it had 100 beneficiaries; at the present time it has 138 children under its walls. The present Grand Master of North Carolina says: "Its prospects were never brighter." St. John's Day, 24th June, is celebrated at this Asylum, the Grand Master and other brethren delivering addresses. We gave an account of this Institution in the KEYSTONE no longer ago than 1st May 1880.

ST. JOHN'S MASONIC COLLEGE, Little Rock, Arkansas, was chartered in 1852, when 100 acres of ground adjacent to the city of Little Rock were purchased for the use of the College. The corner-stone of the College was laid in 1857, and in 1859 the Institution was opened, all of the Professors having been graduates of the University of Virginia. In 1875 a commodious and handsome dormitory was erected at a cost of 10,000 dols. At that time it had 121 pupils enrolled. The College embraces preparatory, collegiate, and law departments. The courses of study are thorough, and the various professors eminent. Past Grand Master English, of Arkansas, was the father of this thriving Masonic Charity. Grand Master Thornburgh, of Arkansas, lately said to this Grand Lodge, "I am happy to report this Institution in a prosperous condition." He appointed twenty beneficiaries during last year. It is now self-sustaining and successful. We gave an account of this Charity in these columns no longer than 3rd July 1880.

THE SOUTHERN MASONIC FEMALE COLLEGE, of Covington, Georgia, was founded in 1855, and is under the control of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In 1875 it had 125 pupils; and altogether 400 daughters of indigent deceased Freemasons had been educated at this Institution. The College is located forty-one miles from Atlanta, on the Georgia railroad, at Covington. It at the present time is officially reported to be in excellent condition, and under superior management.

Such are the leading Public Masonic Charities of the United States

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of America, concerning which we have given a few salient facts. Other Charities are in embryo, but these are long established and successful.

The occupation of Echo, in answering the inquiry, "Where are the American Masonic Benevolent Institutions?" would now appear to be gone. In 1822 Sydney Smith asked:—"In the four quarters of the globe, who reads an American book? or looks at an American picture or statue?" Both questions have long since been answered in the same way. Will the London FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE fraternally note this fact?

[Our kind friend the *Keystone* will doubtless excuse us, if we point out that its article, as quoted above, fully corroborates all we have said, and all that Bro. Hughan, who is a staunch advocate of the beauties of American Freemasonry, has been able to say in respect of Masonry in the States. We have no hesitation in according to the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Georgia, the praise to which they are justly entitled by reason of their liberal efforts to support the afflicted, the orphan, and the widow of the Craft. Possibly, however, the *Keystone*, with a fuller knowledge than we can claim to possess, will allow that, with some *forty-eight* Grand Lodges, and a total membership which is set down at 600,000, *four* Institutions are not an exemplary illustration of the chief characteristics of our Society. If, as here, everybody travelled at his own expense, we should hear nothing about "mileage expenses," and the amount thus saved would go a very long way towards meeting the cost of an Institution for Girls, Boys, or Old People. We fully congratulate Kentucky, &c., on the Institutions they possess. We trust the other States of the Union, and especially New York and Pennsylvania, will speedily follow in their footsteps.—ED. F.C.]

MILITARY LODGES.—III.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

Army Lodges in Pennsylvania.—[The following letter from Bro. Charles E. Meyer—to which I append a few remarks—has been addressed me in connection with the *second* article published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE under the above heading]:—

Philadelphia, 722 Arch-street,
31st August 1880.

MY DEAR BRO. GOULD,—Your letter to R.W. Bro. Jno. Thomson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has been handed to me, as Chairman of the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to answer. The facts I give you are authentic, and from the records in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

In 1809 a committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge to report what Lodges were constituted under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when constituted, places of meeting, when vacated, or otherwise become extinct. On 16th October 1809, that Committee reported to Grand Lodge, and I quote from their reports, as far as applies to Army Lodges, &c., which you inquire about.

Lodge No. 18. "In the 17th British Regiment of Foot, called Unity Lodge. During the American Revolution, this warrant fell into the hands of the American Army. General Parsons returned the same with the following letter:—

"West Jersey Highlands, 23rd July 1779.

"BRETHREN,—When the ambition of monarchs, or jarring interests of contending States, call forth their subjects to war, as Masons we are disarmed of that resentment which stimulates to undistinguished desolation, and however our political sentiments may impel us in the public dispute, we are still brethren, and (our professional duty apart) ought to promote the happiness and advance the weal of each other.

"Accept, therefore, at the hands of a brother the Constitution of the Lodge Unity, No. 18, to be held in the 17th British Regiment, which your late misfortunes have put in my power to restore to you.

"I am, your Brother and obedient Servant,

"(Addressed) "SAMUEL H. PARSONS.

"To Masters and Wardens of
Lodge Unity, No. 18, upon the
Registry of England."

"No returns—nothing paid.—The last communication from said Lodge was from Shelburne in June 1786."

The above is copied verbatim from the original minutes of our Grand Lodge, and is a corroboration in main of your Article II. Military Lodges, in FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, p 66, 24th July 1880. Doubtless this Lodge, No. 18, on the arrival of Regiment in Philadelphia, placed themselves under the direction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at that time working under the authority of English warrant (Ancients) of 1764.

The address of the above letter is important, as it definitely settles the Registry of No. 18, and standing on the Records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, without being commented upon in any way, makes it manifest that the warrant or authority did not emanate from the then Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Lodge No. 18. There was a Lodge No. 18, at Dover, Delaware, for which a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 26th August 1775. This is the Lodge No. 18 which causes the confusion, and is referred to in your sketch, under date of 17th December 1781 and 1st March 1790.

The Brennan quotation, p 430, refers to the English Lodge No. 18, called Unity, at Halifax.

It was during the time that the 17th Regiment was quartered near New York that the warrant was captured, as referred to in above letter, under date of 23rd July 1779.

The Lodge No. 18, Pennsylvania, was not named "Unity" as far as we have any knowledge.

I think the English warrant No. 18, which you style doubtful, is the correct one, and the Pennsylvanian is an error.

Among the other Military Lodges directly connected with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I forward you the following list, which is authentic.

"Lodge No. 19. In the First Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery in the service of the United States, granted 18th May 1779—warrant surrendered—"no returns."—I send you historical sketch of this Lodge, which will prove interesting. It was compiled by one of the oldest Past Masters, and the Lodge still has in its possession the old *chapeau* worn by Colonel Proctor, and annually the Worshipful Master is invested with the same.

"Lodge No. 20. North Carolina, Regimental, not known when granted, vacated, no returns."

"Lodge No. 27. Military Lodge, Maryland Line, granted 4th April 1780, no returns, vacated."

"Lodge No. 28. Pennsylvania Line, not known when granted, no returns, vacated."

"Lodge No. 29. Military Lodge, Pennsylvania, granted 4th August 1780, surrendered 20th December 1784, no returns."

"Lodge No. 31. Travelling warrant, not known when granted, no returns, vacated."

"Lodge No. 36. In the New Jersey Brigade, granted 2nd September 1782, surrendered 20th December 1784, no returns."

"Lodge No. 58. In the army of the United States, granted 25th March 1793, ceased—said that nearly all the members were killed in the Indian war—no returns. Dollars 50 received on account, 8th August 1800."

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Chairman of Library Committee Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

REMARKS.—I cannot agree with Bro. Meyer, that the address or superscription adopted by General Parsons "definitely settles the registry of No. 18, and makes it manifest that the warrant or authority did not emanate from the Provincial G.L. of Pennsylvania." On the contrary, it seems to me quite clear, by the minutes of the P.G.L. of Pennsylvania of 20th December 1784, cited in my article, "Military Masonry," published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 24th July last, that Lodge "Unity," in the 17th Foot, was working under local warrant, No. 18 (Pennsylvania); otherwise, it would have had no object in complaining to the Prov. G.L. of their "having issued out a warrant of the same number which they worked under, by which they thought themselves excluded from being under their jurisdiction."

As a matter of fact, the Ancient or Atholl roll of Lodges was very carelessly "posted up." Local numbers were frequently brought into the general list, and puzzled me not a little when compiling my record of the Atholl Lodges. For example, at No. 28 on the General List, we find placed in Ahiman Rezon 1807, "The Harmony Lodge, Coast of Halifax." This was really No. 28 *local* on the Halifax list, and should have so appeared in the "Ancient" official register. No. 18, Pennsylvania, must have found its way on the general list by a similar act of carelessness. No Lodge, except the original one constituted at *London* A.D. 1753, appears under the No. 18 in the Grand Lodge Register (Ancients). This, of itself, would be conclusive, as against the inference drawn by Bro. Meyer. But the fact of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge granting a charter to the 17th Foot in 1787 (immediately on their return from North America), which was numbered 237, precludes the *possibility* of the Regiment having held No. 18 Warrant on the roll of the same Grand Lodge, and worked under it until the year 1786. My own impression is, that Lodge "Unity," in the 17th Foot, arrived in Philadelphia as No. 168 on the registry of Scotland, and afterwards became No. 18 by local affiliation. I am, however, in daily expectation of some notes from Bro. D. M. Lyon, which will definitely settle this question.

I should be much obliged to Bro. Meyer, could he oblige me with further details respecting Lodge No. 58, chartered by the G.L. of Pennsylvania in 1793? Was the Indian War, during which this Lodge existed, identified in any way with "St. Clair's expedition," referred to by Bro. McCalla in his pamphlet, "Masonry in Philadelphia?"

R. F. G.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden of England, to a Masonic banquet to be given at the Mansion House, on Monday, 26th instant.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 12th October, at seven o'clock.

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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CENTENARY OF ST. HILDA'S LODGE, No. 240.

(Continued from page 217.)

On Friday 21st January 1834, a grand Masonic festival was held at Lambton Castle, the seat of the Earl of Durham, the P.G.M., for the purpose of presenting that nobleman with a Masonic medal, for which the brethren in the several Lodges had subscribed. About 140 partook of a grand banquet in the banqueting hall of the castle, St. Hilda's Lodge being represented by Bros. Bainbridge, Toshack, Dawson, Confer, Spurrier, Park, Hall, Stanford, Holliday, and Kelly. On Tuesday, 5th November 1839, a Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Chester-le-Street, at which his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master, and the Earl of Durham P.G.M., was present.

On that occasion Bros. Ridley, Ed. Tompson, and Robb attended as a deputation from St. Hilda's. On the 10th of August 1840, twenty of the brethren attended the funeral of the P.G.M. Earl Durham, whose death took place at Cowes on the 28th of July previous. During this year the funds of the Lodge were in a low state, and the subscription, which was paid monthly, was increased from 8s to 10s a year. On 10th January 1842, the nights of meeting were altered from the second Wednesday to the second Monday in the month, at which they now stand, in order to secure more regular attendances.

On 5th December 1842, at a Grand Lodge of the Province held at Sunderland, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. (father of the present Sir Hedworth Williamson D.P.G.M.), was duly installed P.G.M. as successor of the Earl of Durham. Sir Cuthbert Sharp, the D.P.G.M., had in the interim officiated as P.G.M., and in that capacity he visited the Lodge of St. Hilda's. On the 8th of May 1843, Bro. T. B. Oyston the W.M. conveyed the melancholy intelligence to the brethren that on the 21st of April the Duke of Sussex had died, after presiding over the Craft for thirty years. At the meeting a worthy tribute was paid to the memory of the beloved G.M.

At the general Lodge held on 14th August 1843, a most interesting presentation was made to the brethren of the Lodge by Bro. Hall P.M., who in an appropriate address presented on behalf of Bro. Wilson to the Lodge a handsome snuff box made out of the timbers of the ship Betsy Cains, which was wrecked on the rocks at Tynemouth in 1827. The vessel, as is well known, was the same that conveyed William Prince of Orange and Princess Mary from Holland to England in 1689. The box was richly carved in bas relief. On the front was an excellent representation of the Betsy Cains as she lay on the rocks at Tynemouth. On one end was a picture of her sailing out to sea, with the Tynemouth Lighthouse in the back ground; on the opposite end was Tynemouth Castle, and on the back was carved a lifeboat, fully manned, in the act of saving lives. In making the presentation Bro. Hall gave an interesting history of the vessel. On the 28th of August 1844, the brethren joined in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the monument to the Earl of Durham on Penshor Hill. The stone was laid with Masonic pomp by the Earl of Zetland the M.W.G.M. On the 10th September 1819, the Lodge was visited for the first time by Bro. John Fawcett P.G.M—Bro. R. B. Ridley being then W.M. At that meeting there were only 16 brethren present, that number being the whole of the regular subscribing members at the time. For two or three years after this the Lodge was once more at a low ebb, but another effort was made, and under the guidance of Bro. Ridley as W.M. renewed vigour was shown, and members rapidly joined and were made. In the month of September 1819, a curious circumstance occurred. It will have been observed that all through these minutes the Lodge had been termed "St. Hild's" Lodge, the title given to the parish church in those years. On the 10th of Sept. 1819—the date above mentioned—there appears in the minute a printed circular, headed "St. Hilda's Lodge," and in the same book another printed circular is attached, dated 21st December 1819, headed "St. Hilda's Lodge," both being signed by J. Cummings secretary. From the latter date must be fixed the addition of the a in the name of the Lodge, though as far on afterwards as 1852 the old name of "St. Hild's" is written in the book. On the 11th of December 1853, however, Bro. John Fawcett P.G.M., in writing to the W.M., terms the Lodge "St. Hilda's," and in the Provincial Returns for 1852 the name is spelt in the modern style.

We may here note that the brethren agreed to have a Royal Arch in connection with the St. Hilda's Lodge. On the 14th of July 1858, the Chapter was duly consecrated by M.E. Superintendent John Fawcett, assisted by M.E. Companion Henry Fenwick, M.P., as H., and M.E. Companion E. D. Davis as J., when the following Companions were installed:—R. B. Ridley Z., H. Fenwick as H., and Alfred Davis as J. The Chapter continues, and is one of the most prosperous in the district.

The Lodge continued to meet in the Golden Lion Hotel, where it had met for over forty years, and to prosper, until the beginning of the year 1861, when some disagreement took place with the landlord.

The disagreement caused, as some of the present brethren remember, considerable annoyance at the time, but, as events proved, it was for the ultimate benefit of the brethren and good of the Craft. Having failed to make satisfactory arrangements with the landlord, Bro. Buckland, the W.M., called a special meeting of the Lodge in the Central Hall on Monday, the 27th May 1861, to decide upon a suitable place for the future meetings. That was after having met for 50 years in the Golden Lion. The Lodge continued to meet in the Central Hall, and on the 10th of February 1862, at a regular Lodge, Bro. J. Robdam W.M., on the motion of Bro. Forster P.M., seconded by Bro. H. Hedley S.W., a committee was appointed "for collecting the necessary information respecting the most eligible situation, costs and best mode of raising the requisite funds for erecting a hall for Masonic purposes." On Tuesday, 25th March following, the committee presented an elaborate report, recommending that a hall be built in Fowler Street, at an estimated cost of £600. The committee recommended £800 be raised, and that £200 should be contributed by the Lodge out of its accumulated funds, and by 600 £1 shares, to be distributed amongst the members of St. Hilda's Lodge only. The committee recommended the formation of a redemption fund out of the annual savings of the Lodge, so that the Hall might eventually become the property of the Lodge. The late respected Hy. Hewison, was chairman of the committee, and the late R. S. Forster secretary. The report was adopted, and on Wednesday afternoon, 27th August 1862, the foundation of the new Lodge—the building now occupied by the brethren—was laid by Brother George Potts, Esq., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., with full Masonic ceremony. Brother the Rev. Thos. Featherston officiated as Chaplain on the occasion, and there was a brilliant assembly of the brethren of the Lodge, and visitors from all the neighbouring Lodges.

It is worthy of mention that the water with which the cement for laying the foundation stone was mixed was brought in a bottle from the River Jordan by the chief engineer of H.M.S. Melpomene, and presented, through Brother B. B. Ridley P.M., to the Lodge by Bro. Wm. Ord P.M. of Leinster Lodge, No. 387 of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The new Masonic Hall was opened on 9th March 1863, the day before the Prince of Wales was married, Bro. Henry Hedley being W.M.; and the brethren have continued to meet in harmony within its walls ever since. On the 6th August 1863, the Grand Lodge of England issued a circular altering the number of the Lodge from No. 292 to No. 240, which is the number by which it is yet designated on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

The following is a complete list of the brethren who have officiated as Worshipful Masters over St. Hilda's Lodge during the 100 years:—

1780 Richard Forrest	1844 Thomas B Oyston
1781 William Tate	1845 George Potts
1782 Roger Todd	1846 George Potts
1783 James Pletts	1847 J L Parker
1784 William Tate	1848 Richard B Ridley
1785 Joseph Bulmer	1849 Richard B Ridley
1792 Paul Lee	1850 Christopher B Mackey
1793 Joseph Bulmer	1851 John Toshack
1796 Paul Lee	1852 Richard B Ridley
1799 Charles Bainbridge	1853 Richard B Ridley
1800 Paul Lee	1854 Joseph Robb
1801 Joseph Bulmer	1855 Henry Johnson
1803 Paul Lee	1856 Richard B Ridley
1804 Charles Bainbridge	1857 Henry Hewison
1813 George Potts	1858 Robert S Forster
1816 Thomas Bell	1859 Joseph J Oliver
1817 Ralph Robson	1860 John Hinde
1818 John Taylor	1861 James N Buckland
1819 William Crawford	1862 James Roddam
1821 Thomas Hall	1863 Henry Hedley
1824 George Potts	1864 William Wright
1825 Thomas Wilson	1865 John Williamson
1826 Philip Laing	1866 George Lawson
1828 George Potts	1867 William Dalziel
1829 John Toshack	1868 Joseph Robertson
1830 James Confer	1869 Martin F Gray
1831 Robert Dawson	1870 George White
1833 George Potts	1871 John Ditchburn
1835 Henry Stanford	1872 Jacob S Denham
1836 Ed T Wawn	1873 Thomas Potter
1837 George Potts	1874 Robert E Thompson
1838 George Spurrier	1875 James S Wilson
1839 George Spurrier	1876 Henry Claughton
1840 Richard B Ridley	1877 Thomas G Mabane
1841 George Potts	1878 Thomas Coulson
1842 Richard B Ridley	1879 John Joseph Athey
1843 Thomas B Oyston	1880 Joseph Hall Morton

The Amherst Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 266, will be consecrated at the Volunteer Artillery Assembly Rooms, Sandgate, on Thursday, the 7th instant, by the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson Grand Master of the Province of Kent, assisted by the R.W. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.W., the V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar P.G.M.O., Worshipful Bro. J. G. Podevin D.G.M. of the Province of Kent, Worshipful Bro. Edward Margrett P.G.S. G.J.W. of the Province of Berks and Oxon, and other Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. A Lodge will be formed and close tyled at 1·45 p.m. for the advancement of brethren by the W.M. Designate. The ceremony of Consecration will be conducted at three p.m. by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, and that of installation by the Worshipful Bro. E. Margrett P.M. P.G.S. The musical arrangements will be conducted by Worshipful Bro. F. H. Cozens W.M. 234 P.G.O. A banquet will be provided at the Royal Kent Hotel at Five p.m.

Freemasons lay no claim to infallibility. Nor is knowledge confined to the favoured few. We may not all coincide in opinions upon every subject, but this we can attain to, by the exercise of that charity which is the brightest jewel in the crown that embrows our glorious order, we can agree to differ. Asserting the right to individual judgment, let us not attempt to withhold the like privilege from our brother.—*John Taylor.*

The following is a receipt "to make a Pigell" (pickle) "to kepe fresshe sturgeon in. Take of the same brothe it was sode in and for half the hed of sturgeon take a pynte of whit wyne and a pynte of white venegre and fenell sede broken and bounde in a clothe and ley it in the same souse for on day, but yf it shel be lenger or packed in a barel and caried, take only white wyne and white venegar and a litel salt, and soo it shall contynu well ij months.

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MASONIC TRIALS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At this moment, when the *latest* "Masonic Trial" is being discussed in your paper, possibly the *earliest* incident of a similar character, of which any record has been preserved, may be found interesting. The *Weekly Journal*, No. 239, of Saturday, 25th May 1723, has the following:—

"About the middle of last week came on a Trial at the Court of Common Pleas, between Abraham Barrot Plaintiff, Henry Pritchard Defendant; the latter being indicted for assaulting the former, whose head he had broken for abusing the ancient society of Freemasons in a very scandalous manner, and with very indecent expressions. The Jury brought in the verdict for the plaintiff, but considering the great provocation that had been offered, gave only 20s damage."

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE LATE BROTHER PETER GILKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"STUDENT" will find a biographical sketch of the late Bro. Gilkes, who died in December 1833, at p 140 of the *Freemason's Magazine* for 1834.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. F.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Peter Gilkes died on the 11th of December 1833, and was buried in St. James's Churchyard, Piccadilly, on the 19th of the same month. Many notices of this eccentric brother will be found in the *Freemason's Quarterly Review*, especially in the volumes for 1834 and 1835. In the former at pp 52, 110, and 399; and in the latter at p 170. If "STUDENT" intends compiling a biography of Peter Gilkes, I would advise his searching the Masonic journals, under the headings of Thomson (Peter and Laurence), Godwin, White, Broadfoot, Goldsworthy, Satterley, and Wilson (S. B.)

Yours fraternally.

R. F. GOULD.

BRO. JACOB NORTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I am sorry, and apologise for having charged Bro. Norton with having been more general in his attacks on Freemasonry than he is willing to allow, I must still stand by my proposition that he exhibits his love for the members of our Society and its offshoots, legitimate or illegitimate, rather by freedom in his all round, and so far indiscriminate, if not impartial attacks, than by the liberality of his defence. His letter which appeared last week reminds me of a familiar illustration of what is known in logic, I believe, as a fallacy. We all remember the saying of King David, that "all men are liars," and the logical fallacy derived from this is as follows:—(1) All men are liars. (2) David was a man. (3) Therefore, David was a liar. (4) Therefore his statement, "all men are liars," was untrue. (5) Therefore all men are are *not* liars. The fallacy lies in No. 4, for it does not follow logically that because a man is a liar, he never speaks the truth. Similarly with Bro. Norton. it does not follow logically that because he is pretty vehement in his attacks on the members of our Fraternity and the views they countenance, he never has a good word to say for any of us. Still I cannot help thinking he will agree with me, that while it is the *rule* with him to attack, it is only under very exceptional circumstances, and on exceptional occasions, that he finds a word to say in our favour. The variety of instances he is able to cite of his appreciation of "what is good and beautiful in Masonry," shows that I am not quite so inattentive a reader as he would like to make me out.

When I said, "there are abuses and humbug in Freemasonry, as in other human institutions," I did not, of course, mean to suggest that the abuses and humbug predominated. Yet, to judge from Bro. Norton's frequent letters to you and other journals, for every one good point in the Craft there must be at least a hundred bad ones.

I trust he will excuse me for supplying one other instance he has omitted, in which he passed a favourable opinion on something connected till quite recently with the Craft Universal. I allude to the Grand Orient of France, which Bro. Norton hardly knows how to speak too highly of for having erased from its Constitutions all reference to a belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. as a *sine qua non* of Freemasonry. This, I trust, will be regarded by Bro. Norton as further evidence that I am not so very inattentive a reader. At any rate, where the onslaughts are so numerous, and the praise is so scanty, one may claim to be excused for overlooking the latter in the constant worry and excitement which are caused by the former. At all events, I repeat my apology for the oversight, and remain, as ever,

Fraternally yours,

TAU.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE eighth annual benefit of Bro. Percy—or Mr. Edgar Mowbray, as he is generally designated—came off on Wednesday, and we have great pleasure in chronicling that he had on the occasion a house that was in every respect worthy of the beneficiary. The programme was chiefly of a nautical character: admirers of our old sea songs had, consequently, a rare treat. The Mohawks, undoubtedly, have taste and judgment, as well as the mere ability to sing or play. It goes without saying, therefore, that a special arrangement, such as we were privileged to assist at on Wednesday, was of necessity almost beyond praise. "The Tar's Song," by the general body, served as an excellent introduction, and gave the audience a fair test—if such were needed—of the quality of the troupe. Mr. Ted Snow, whose return, with that of Mr. Dunlah, we are pleased to note, did justice to the "Man at the Nore." Messrs. George Clare and R. Oliver interpreted "When the Wind blows in from the Sea," to the great delight of the audience, and Mr. Kavanagh proved himself in "The Midshipman," as he alone knows how to do. "The Little Sailor Lad," by Little Frank, with obligato accompaniment by Bro. Mowbray went extremely well, and Mr. Garland, in the "Sailor's Wife," was beyond all question successful. Part II. was unusually strong, and included Mr. Kavanagh's "Man the Lifeboat" and Mr. Garland's "Never More," the latter of which, as the composition of Mr. Mowbray, elicited the hearty applause of the audience. Mr. Edgar Roberts, who is an old Mohawk, rendered the well-known "Anchorsmith" in a manner which could hardly have been surpassed; and the evening closed soon after in a manner which both to audience and troupe must have been in the highest degree satisfactory.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on 18th August 1880, at Du Toits Pan Diamond Fields, South Africa. Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., A. Yockmonitz Treasurer, E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., W. A. Roberts Preceptor, D. Avis Amb., E. B. Hoffman Asst. Sec., W. Knipers Arch. and Steward, R. C. H. Laing I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Hartog I.P.M., E. D. W. Van Blerk, H. N. Campbell, R. C. Partridge. Visitor—Bro. Elias Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton. Lodge opened in the first degree, when Bro. Hon. Sec. read letter from Bro. Henry Vevers, resigning his membership on account of leaving the Province. A letter was read from Sec. Octahedron Lodge, Barkly, Griqualand West, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon its W.M. in electing him an honorary member of the Peace and Harmony Lodge—at the same time returning the compliment in appointing their W.M. an honorary member of the Octahedron Lodge, during his term of office. After several accounts were read, and passed for payment, ballot was taken for Mr. Cecil Bayley, who was declared duly elected as a candidate for initiation. Bro. P.M. Hartog brought to the notice of the meeting the sad loss Bro. B. Haybittle had sustained in his family. The W.M. instructed the Hon. Sec. to write a letter of condolence to Bro. Haybittle, on behalf of the Lodge, sympathising with him in his late heavy bereavement. Messrs. Creewol and Barnes were then introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. After Bro. Almoner had collected a good round sum towards the poor fund, and the labour being ended, Lodge closed in ancient form, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

On 1st September 1880. Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., A. Yockmonitz Treasurer, E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., W. A. Roberts Preceptor, D. Avis Amb., E. B. Hoffman Ass. Sec., W. Knipers Arch. and Steward, R. C. H. Laing I.G., S. M. Green Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Henry Hartog, J. E. Rood Wyllys, 99 Conn., U.S.A; Members—Bros. R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, H. N. Campbell, Charles Ellen Charles Warren Lodge; Visitors—Elias Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, S. Wolff Era 1423, Herman Myers, S. Nells, C. F. Beaton—Richard Giddy Lodge, D. N. Defries Cosmopolitan. The W.M. stated that they had met for the purpose of conferring the sublime degree on Bros. Campbell and Vilgeon. After correspondence and accounts were read, Bros. R. W. Campbell and W. R. Vilgeon were admitted and duly raised. The Worshipful Master, whose zeal in Masonry is well known throughout the Craft in the Diamonds Fields, was never seen to better advantage than in the present issue. Indeed, Brother Roberts fairly rose to the occasion, and while thoroughly impressing the candidates by the solemnity with which he clothed the beautiful ceremony, he delighted the brethren by his admirable working. His Officers fulfilled their allotted duties in a most exemplary manner; indeed, Peace and Harmony may be characterised as perfect in its parts and solemn in every degree. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. E. Rood P.M. Wyllys 99, Conn., U.S.A. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. thanked him and the other Visitors for their attendance, at the same time assuring them that they would at all times receive a hearty welcome from Lodge Peace and Harmony. To this the brethren suitably replied, after which, labour being ended, Lodge was closed.

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This was the second subscription of twenty guineas in the name of the Province. They had forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, London. They had received large sums from their brother in this way, credited to the Provincial Grand Lodge for individual Lodges, and the result had been that many hundreds of pounds had been raised in consequence of his example. He had now held the post of manager for twelve years, during which time they had obtained a total value of nearly £300 for the Province. He had for a long time desired the appointment of a successor, and now most emphatically stated that in May 1881, on securing the election of Bro. Lampen, his official connection with the Province of Cornwall would cease. He heartily thanked the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren generally for their support while holding office. The sum of £20 was voted to Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121. Bro. W. Tweedy was appointed Treasurer, Bro. T. Chirgwin Secretary, and Bro. J. C. R. Crewes Assistant Secretary to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The sum of £20 a year was voted to Bro. W. H. Jenkins, of Phœnix Lodge, Truro, late spirit merchant. A grant of £10 was made to Brother Thomas Lampen, of Cornubian Lodge, Hayle, late bootmaker. £15 a-year for five years was made to Sarah Ann Kitt, of St. Austell, and the same amount for the same term to William Whitborne Collins, of St. Day. The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed by the Provincial Grand Master:—Sir C. B. Graves Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M., P. Simcoe P.G.S.W., J. Bocking jun. P.G.J.W., E. S. T. Daunt sen. G. Chaplain, P. H. Newnham J.G.C., H. F. Whitefield G.R., W. Tweedy Treasurer, E. T. Carlyon Secretary, S. Serpell S.D., E. S. Angrove J.D., G. B. Pearse S. Works, J. Maxwell D.C., J. Crossman Asst. D.C., W. H. Christoe G.S.W., J. F. Hooper G. Organist, Johnson James Pursuivant, W. Rooks A.G.P., J. Wearne, J. Jose, A. Vian, T. Lukes, W. Nettle and J. H. Mitchell Stewards. At one o'clock the Masons walked in procession to the parish church, where service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Jones. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, Prov. Grand Chaplain, who based his discourse on the words, "And Enoch walked with God"—Genesis v. 24. In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman said he had for many reasons designedly selected that text, because it carried them back to the time long ago. In that text they found it recorded of a man who for 300 years walked with God. They must remember that Enoch had no Bible, no church, no chapel, no bishop, no priest, no minister, no hymn book, and no means of grace—no means of what were commonly called means of grace, and yet he walked with God, and attained to spiritual perfection without anything to guide him but his conscience; without any Bible to teach him but the volume of Nature, and they might depend upon it Enoch drank in the precious draught from the great Bible of God—Nature—with avidity. After enlarging upon this subject, he asked why he spoke to them who were Masons on that subject? Because Enoch was their brother Mason, and so when they read of Enoch walking with God, they should bear in mind that he was a brother Mason of theirs. He pointed out that St. Paul, too, was a brother Mason, and, in conclusion, he said Masonry bade them carry out the great principles, the very same that Enoch carried out. It bade them look forward to a resurrection beyond the grave. It bade them at all times to remember that they were to love God with all their hearts, and their neighbour as themselves. And they must bear in mind, when they put forward their prayers, that they might be found worthy, bye-and-bye, to go to the Grand Lodge above, and sit down with the Grand Master of all, that this could only be realised in proportion as they, too, walked with God. A collection was made at the close, one-fifth of which was given to the Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Jones; two-fifths to the West Cornwall Infirmary, at Penzance; and two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. On leaving the Church the Freemasons adjourned to the Board Schools, where a banquet was provided for them, after which other business was transacted, and the Grand Lodge closed in due form.

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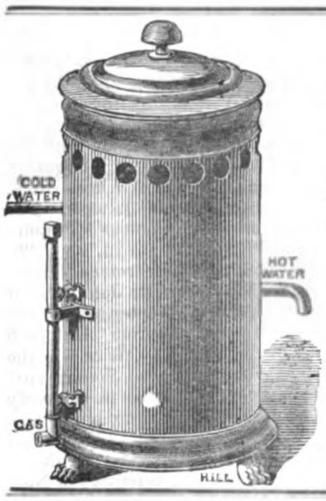
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, 9th day of October 1880, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider notices of motion as follow, and to elect Forty-two Girls into the School by ballot, from a list of fifty-four approved Candidates. The Election will commence at one o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

Notices of motion:—

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. E. C. Mather, V.P.—

"That the following words be added to Law LXXII. after the word 'provision,' viz., 'and in cases of exceptional merit and necessity the General Committee are authorised to increase the sum to an amount not exceeding £40.'"

By Bro. F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.—

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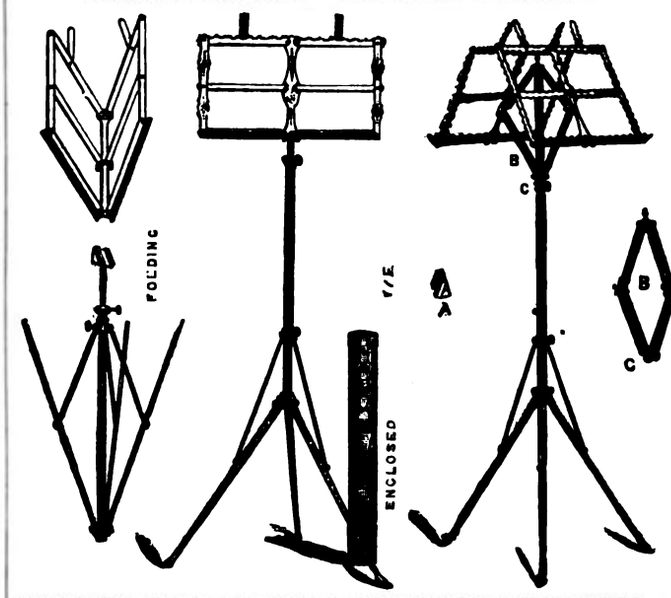
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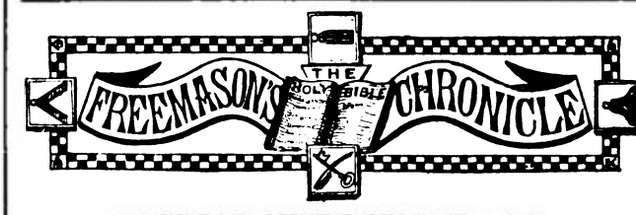


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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Masons of the Province of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Ive's, on 28th ultimo. There was a good attendance of

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brethren from the various Lodges in the county, and, as an inducement to them to attend, the Great Western Railway Company issued cheap tickets, available for two days, from stations west of Plymouth. The town was gaily decorated with evergreens and flags in honour of the occasion, and hundreds of persons from St. Ives and the adjoining parishes lined each side of the street to witness the Masonic procession on its way to and from the church. Shortly after eleven o'clock the Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presided; and Bro. Sir C. Graves Sawle acted as Deputy in the absence of Colonel Peard. The Provincial Grand Master, in his address, offered his congratulations to the brethren on the continued prosperity of the Province, and then referred to the ceremony at Truro on the 20th May last, respecting which he gave some very interesting particulars. Although there was now an adverse balance, he thought there were certain deductions to be made which would considerably lessen the amount, and that dues upon the various Lodges in a very few months would very largely help to put the balance on the other side. He regretted the absence of Colonel Peard. The report of the Provincial Grand Secretary showed an adverse balance of £30, chiefly owing to the costs incurred in connection with the reception of the Prince of Wales at Truro. The report respecting the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund showed that the receipts for the year, and the balance brought forward, were £560 17s 9d, and there was a net increase of £126 10s. Bro. William James Hughan, P.Prov. Grand Secretary, reported respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the Province, that the past year had been mainly confined to repaying favours they had previously received from other Provinces. At the present time they owed nothing as a Province, and had some hundreds of votes to depend upon when required. Their desire was now to utilise them, and secure the election of Bro. Lampen, of Hayle, as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May for £40 a year. They had to acknowledge another donation from a Past Master of one of the Cornish Lodges, whose name they were not at liberty to mention. This was the second subscription of twenty guineas in the name of the Province. They had forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, London. They had received large sums from their brother in this way, credited to the Provincial Grand Lodge for individual Lodges, and the result had been that many hundreds of pounds had been raised in consequence of his example. He had now held the post of manager for twelve years, during which time they had obtained a total value of nearly £300 for the Province. 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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, R. B. Webster, George Bolton, A. F. A. Woodford, J. H. Matthews, Charles Moore, C. H. Webb, F. W. Ramsay, James F. Cocking, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, S. Rawson, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Andrew Middlemass, Colonel Finney, Joshua Nunn, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman said that as Lyncombe House was ready for the reception of twenty-five girls, that number would be elected next Saturday, in addition to the seventeen for whom vacancies had already been declared. Two petitions were then read and approved, and the candidates placed on the list for the April (1881) election. The Chairman then said that the finances of the Institution were such that, after paying all liabilities, there was sufficient money on running account to justify his proposing that £500 be invested in Consols, and he therefore moved that that be done. The motion was seconded by Bro. Dr. Ramsay and carried. The following notices of motion were given for the Quarterly Court next Saturday:—By Bro. E. C. Mather: "That the following words be added to Law 72, after the word 'provision,' viz., 'and in cases of exceptional merit and necessity, the General Committee are authorised to increase the sum to an amount not exceeding £40.'" By Bro. Dr. Ramsay: "That every candidate for admission to the School shall, previously to nomination, present a certificate that the child can read and write English, and work the first four rules of arithmetic, signed by a clergyman in orders, or a certificated schoolmaster." By Bro. A. H. Tattershall:—Alteration of Rule 37—"That the members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for three years, and that one-third of the number retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election."

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

UNDER charter of the Sovereign Sanctuary 33 deg. in and for Great Britain and Ireland, a dispensation was granted by the Sovereign Sanctuary 33rd and last degree of Masonry, on the 9th August 1876, to a number of brethren in Scotland to found a Chapter, &c., of the above rite, which has lain in a state of dormancy until the present year. Through the exertions of the members in Glasgow, a charter was granted on the 4th inst., named "Sphynx" Rose Croix, Chapter No. 8, for the valley of Glasgow, county of Lanark. The first Office-bearers are—Stephen Roberton M.W., Thomas M. Campbell Past M.W., John M'Innes Ill. Kt. S.W., J. M'Innes Ill. Kt. J.W., Wm. Fergusson R. Kt. Orator, D. Chalmers R. Kt. Secretary, Robert Headrick R. Kt. Conductor, J. Duthie R. Kt. Archivist, John M'Nair Kt. Captain of the Guard, &c. This is the first Chapter of the rite established in Scotland. The degrees conferred are from the fourth to the thirtieth, ninetieth. The twentieth degree of this rite is the same as the thirty-third of the ancient and accepted Scotch rite. The Ancient and Primitive Rite was founded in France in the early part of the present century, by the incorporation of a number of pre-existing rites, such as the Ancient Chapter of Clermont 1728, Rite of the Illuminati of Avignon 1760, the Order of African Architects 1767, Philosophic Scotch Rite 1776, Rite of the Philadelphes of Narbonne 1779, and many others now extinct. The rite was originally composed of three series, subdivided into seven sections, each embracing a number of arbitrary degrees, amounting to ninety, but, for prudential and satisfactory reasons, they have been reduced to thirty degrees of science, divided for instruction into three series of grades, in seven classes as primarily. Whereas the Ancient and Primitive Rite considers the Blue Lodge the beloved institution, and the foundation and fundamental basis to which the Masonic allegiance of all its members are due, and from which there can be no deviation; therefore, no Mason can be allowed to join the Ancient and Primitive Rite unless he is a member of a Lodge in good standing, working under a Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has decided not to accept the resignation lately tendered by His Grace the Duke of Manchester of the office of Provincial Grand Master for Norths and Hunts, held by him since 1863.

The annual meeting of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, was held on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on which occasion Bro. H. J. Atkins was installed as W.M. We are compelled to hold over our report until next week in consequence of the great pressure on our space.

We are in the receipt of a letter from Bro. Tudor Trevor, which shall appear next week. We have likewise to claim the indulgence of other correspondents, whose communications, however, shall receive early attention at our hands.

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be well and numerously supported. We are glad to find that the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction will in future meet regularly every Wednesday evening. This will, doubtless, improve the attendance, especially after so successful a meeting as that over which Bro. Musto presided.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. At the weekly meeting on Monday evening, there was a good attendance, including Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Seymour-Clarke W.M., T. E. Goddard S.W., Robson J.W., McDonald, Partridge, Brereton, Kimbell, Gabriel, Bearcock, and others. After the usual formalities, Bro. Bearcock offered himself for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second, and third sections of the Lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bros. H. Gabriel and Charles Smith were elected members; Bro. T. E. Goddard W.M. for Monday evening next, at eight p.m. The Lodge was closed in ancient form. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge is situated within three minutes' walk of Hackney Downs Station, whence frequent trains are to be obtained, to and from the City.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—Held at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on 28th September. Bros. Kern W.M., Holness S.W., Orme J.W., Hepburn S.D., Hunter I.G., C. G. Sparrow Sec., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Kern vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sheppard; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate. Bro. Kern resumed the chair; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. Bro. Holness was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Thursday evening, 23rd September. Present:—Comps. Brown Z., Hobbs H., Cusworth J., Osborn S.E., Weston S.N., Pearcy P.S., Halford Treas., J. L. Mather Preceptor; also Comps. C. Lorkin, Lockwood, Fysh, &c. The Chapter having been declared open for the purposes of improvement, the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Lockwood acting as candidate. From the known ability of these Principals in R.A. Masonry, the ceremony, as might be expected, was beautifully rendered, and was well appreciated by the Companions present. Comp. Lockwood was elected a member. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the Officers of the evening retain their positions at the next meeting. Chapter was then closed, and adjourned to the following Thursday evening, at eight o'clock.

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street, on Tuesday evening, 28th September. Present—Bros. Hirst W.M., Gilham S.W., Rothschild J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Acting Secretary, Payne S.D., Croger J.D., Fox I.G.; also Bros. Greeve, J. J. Harlow, W. Williams, A. McMillan, Isaac, Osborn Secretary, Byng, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. McMillan P.M. of the Clapton Lodge 1365 and Bro. J. J. Harlow of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge 1602 were elected members. Bro. Gilham S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. R. Pearcy, the Preceptor, would take place at the Lodge-rooms, on Tuesday, the 19th of October.

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Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican, on Monday, the 27th ult., Present:—Bros. Collinson W.M., Balls S.W., Nell J.W., Wing Treas., Fox Sec., Tate S.D., Brown J.D., Pelican I.G., and several other members. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tate worked the first section, and Bro. Brown the second, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dehane candidate. Bro. Fox worked the third section, Bro. Lardner the fourth, and Bro. Brown the fifth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Dehane, Goodenough, Croxton, and Golden were elected members. Bro. Balls was duly elected W.M. for Monday, 11th October. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday, the 4th October, at 8 p.m.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205. — The Fifteen Sections were worked at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., on the 26th ultimo. Bro. Job was in the chair, and was supported by P.M.'s Bros. Cundick as S.W., Myers J.W., W. Musto Preceptor; G. H. Stephens Secretary, T. Loane S.D., A. Judd J.D., J. Taylor I.G.; also Bros. Webb, Moss, Valentine, Horner, Holdom, Shingfield, Startevant, H. S. Clarke, Owen, Wooding, &c. After the Lodge had been fully opened, the minutes were submitted and confirmed. The following brethren then assisted Bro. Job to work the Sections: First Lecture—Bros. Loane, S. Clarke, Valentine, Wooding, Musto, Webb, and Cundick. Second Lecture—Bros. Stephens, Moss, Taylor, Webb, and Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Myers, Cundick, and Yetton. The whole working was rendered with a correctness which speaks well for the instruction to be obtained by attending this Lodge. Bros. H. S. Clarke 1445 and R. Sturtevant S.W. 1278 were admitted as members. A vote of thanks, together with the honorary membership of the Lodge, was voted to Bro. Job for the excellent manner in which he had, for the first time, put the whole of the questions. We were sorry to hear that a brother, without whose genial presence no Section working seems perfect, was unable to attend through an accident.

Portsmouth Chapter, No. 487.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 14th September, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, for the purpose of installing the three principals, which was ably done by Comp. R. H. C. Ubsdell P.Z., of 417, as follows:—Comps. G. F. Lancaster 1st Prin., Osborne 2nd Prin., R. J. Rastrick 3rd Prin. A vote of thanks to the Installing Principal was ordered to be entered in the minute book of the Chapter.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd September, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, when there were present—Bros. H. V. Clements W.M., J. Farren S.W., J. Garrod J.W., M. Tegg S.D., G. Lewis J.D., A. Fidley I.G. and a good muster of the brethren, including several of the P.M.'s, amongst whom were Bros. Steedman, Linzell, Jones, Dance, Wells, Stevens, &c. The Visitors were Bros. S. W. Greenwood P.M. 749, F. G. Newton W.M. 749, G. Collier 1337, S. E. Haslip 813, and F. C. Herbert 1237. The Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate into the mysteries of the Craft Mr. John Dexter Berkin, who had been successfully balloted for at the previous Lodge meeting. Other business of the Lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, when ample justice was done to Bro. Oddy's excellent catering. On removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Steedman P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. He (Bro. Steedman), being the oldest P.M. and Father of the Lodge, had watched its career from an early date and had always taken great interest in it. He must therefore congratulate the brethren on having such a W.M. to preside over them. His working that evening was of a character that would bring great credit to the Lodge, and under his presidency no doubt it would go on prospering. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Steedman for his kind expressions; and it would at all times during his year of office be his constant desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Greenwood, on behalf of the Visitors, expressed the great pleasure he felt when visiting this hospitable Lodge where he always looked forward to spending an enjoyable evening. Other business followed, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 28th September. Bros. Smyth W.M., Wardell S.W., Clark J.W., Brasted S.D., Macklin J.D., Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Catlin, Marsh, Larter and Carr. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the third degree. Bro. P.M. Wallington giving the traditional history. Bro. Brasted worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree; Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 24th instant. Bro. Loane in the chair, supported by Bros. S. Clarke S.W., Tait J.W., Levy S.D., Forss J.D., W. Musto P.M. Secretary, B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Webb, Magrath, Stephens, Waterer, Bulwinckle, &c. After usual formalities, Bro. Loane worked the first ceremony in a highly creditable manner, Bro. Magrath candidate. The W.M. continued by working the first, Bro. Forss the second, third, and fourth, and Bro. P.M. Webb the fifth and sixth sections of the lecture. A more agreeable and instructive evening is rarely to be met with. A well-merited vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Loane for his efficient discharge of his duty as W.M. That brother, in reply, acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. P.M. Musto, who had been his mentor; he hoped to continue to acquit himself to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Seymour Clarke was duly elected to the chair for the meeting on the 1st proximo, and Lodge was closed in due form. We trust to see a good attendance on the occasion.

Olive Union Lodge, No. 1304.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Hornsey. Present:—Bros. Joseph Wilson W.M., Stephen Pinches S.W., George Truelove J.W., Charles Dixon Secretary, Joseph Walter Treasurer, William S. Clitherow S.D., William Taylor Sharpe J.D., Rev. J. A. Chalmers Chaplain, John Coates Osborne Organist, Stephen Pollexfen I.G., William Cook Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Henry Sharp, James Ward, Henry Nicholson, John Coates Osborne, Edwin Wilson I.P.M.; Visitor—Bro. Ephraim Badley, Restoration Lodge No. 111 Darlington. The business comprised the installation of the W.M. and investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year, as above.

St. John of Wapping, No. 1306.—An emergency meeting was held on the 8th ultimo, at the Gun Tavern, Wapping. The business before the brethren was to initiate into Freemasonry Messrs. W. L. Hodgson and E. W. Barnes, and to confer the third degree upon Bros. C. Whybrow and W. McCreddie. Lodge was opened promptly at 4:30 p.m., and the ballot having proved favourable, the two gentlemen named above were regularly introduced into Masonry; while Bro. McCreddie was raised to the degree of M.M. The work was well performed, and this is the more creditable as the whole of the minor offices were filled by young members of the Lodge. Bro. Veal W.M. was supported by Bros. J. Magrath S.W., T. Wooding J.W., Couture acting S.D., Clements acting J.D., Bates I.G., P.M.'s Beck Treasurer, Dawson, Coleman, and Bros. Hardy Secretary, Stevens, Holdom, McDowell, Parsons, &c. The W.M. having made an appeal to the brethren to enable him to clear the Lodge bills before shifting their quarters, a gratifying response was made. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of light refreshments, after which Bro. Veal introduced the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. M. Dawson proposed, in eulogistic terms, the health of the Worshipful Master. In reply, Bro. Veal thanked Bro. Dawson and the brethren for the honour they had done him. He assured them his feelings were very much in favour of the St. John of Wapping Lodge. Whilst his connection with them lasted, he would do his utmost to please them all, and he was highly gratified to possess the good feeling of the brethren. The Initiates were next toasted. Bro. Veal had known Bro. Barnes some time, and although not personally acquainted with Bro. Hodgson, yet, on account of his proposer, he had had pleasure in seconding him. Bro. Barnes briefly responded, and Bro. Hodgson said he hoped they would excuse anything *mal apropos* which might fall from him. He was happy to be permitted to join them as a brother. It was an honour he had been bent upon attaining for many years. Perhaps it was his own fault not being a Mason earlier. From his heart of heart he believed them to be a good body of men, not only as to themselves, but to others. He trusted to do his duty among them, and gradually attain to some of the honours of the Craft. The next toast Bro. Veal characterised as a most important one generally, but held especially so at the St. John of Wapping Lodge. The meeting that evening being one of emergency, they had but two Visitors instead of, as was usual, a larger number. Bro. Stephens, whose capital song they had just listened to, was one he was proud to know. As was well known to the brethren, he was always willing to help them, not only with advice, but by undertaking any work when assistance was required. He (Bro. Veal) was greatly indebted to him for valuable advice and solid information. Many a time Bro. Stephens had, at his request, given him hours of private instruction; he would advise all young Masons, not only to attend the mother Lodge, but also the Lodge of Instruction, and if they could obtain the private help of a brother, to peg away, with the certainty of success not far off. To Bro. How, of Faith Lodge, the W.M. also offered a hearty welcome. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Stephens thanked the W.M. for speaking so kindly of him in connection with the toast of the Visitors, and the brethren for having, by their hearty response, endorsed his remarks. He had always been pleased to attend their Lodge meetings, and never more so than on that occasion. Anything he had done, either for the Lodge or in private, he regarded as a duty, and not as meriting praise. It would be well for Master Masons to remember that it is their duty to afford assistance and instruction to brethren. What had pleased him to witness that evening was the admirable manner in which the important offices of the Deacons had been carried out by brethren whom he had but recently seen initiated. The working of the Lodge generally gave excellent promise for the future. Bro. How also expressed his thanks to the brethren for receiving his name so heartily. At all times the St. John of Wapping Lodge was noted for hospitality. Bro. Veal next proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge, who were represented by Bro. Dawson—a Founder—who had given him material assistance; Bro. Beck, also a good fellow, was always ready with "The Bottle;" and Bro. Coleman, whose kindly disposition to the Lodge was only equalled by his skill in promoting the musical portion of their meetings. The toast was heartily received, and severally responded to, after which the Officers were toasted, the W.M. speaking of them in terms of high praise. Bro. S.W. was working hard, and would no doubt prove an efficient Master. Bro. J.W. was a capital worker, and was more qualified than himself to perform the duties of W.M. Visitors to the various Lodges of Instruction were fully aware of the proficiency of Bro. Wooding. Bro. S.D. was unfortunately away, but he is a capital worker, and the J.D. and rest of the Officers are doing their best for the welfare of the Lodge. After replies from all the Officers present, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close. Bro. Coleman, as usual, contributed in great measure to the enjoyment by his excellent accompaniment of several good songs, by Bros. Beck, Veal, Hardy, Magrath, How, Couture, Stephens, &c.

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Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349. — At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 28th Sept. Bros. Forss W.M., Myers S.W., Brownsom J.W., Watkins I.G., Worsley Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the Lodge opened in the second degree and resumed to the first, when the following sections were worked by the brethren:—First, Brownsom; second, Watkins; third, Musto; fourth, Johnson; fifth, Smith; sixth, Pavitt, and seventh, McDonald. In the second degree the first section was worked by Bro. Musto; second Johnson. Lodge then closed to the first degree, when Bro. Brownsom was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Forss for the able manner in which he had worked the first nine sections of the lectures. Bro. Forss thanked the brethren. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on the fourth Tuesday in October; the names of the workers will be noted in this paper. The following brethren attended:—Bros. Smith, Johnson, Robson, Butler, Bailey, Pavitt, McDonald, White, &c.

Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1421.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Watkins,' Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on the 29th ult. Bro. Musto P.M. occupied the chair, and was assisted by Bros. Tapley S.W., Hall J.W., Buckle S.D., Owen I.G., Latreille Preceptor and Secretary, Boulton, Dix, Mears, Magrath, Triggs, Loane, Spill, Judd, McDonald, March, Job, Myers, Stephens, &c. Lodge having opened with the usual observances, Bro. Musto proceeded to work the installation ceremony, Bro. Tapley being the W.M. elect. Bro. Musto's rendering of the ceremony gave great satisfaction to the numerous brethren who had been attracted by the knowledge of his working, and secured him a vote of thanks from the Lodge. Bro. Job worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. A. Judd 1421, Spill 1685 and Magrath S.W. 1306 were admitted members. Bro. Loane was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 6th instant when, we trust, he will be well and numerously supported. We are glad to find that the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction will in future meet regularly every Wednesday evening. This will, doubtless, improve the attendance, especially after so successful a meeting as that over which Bro. Musto presided.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. At the weekly meeting on Monday evening, there was a good attendance, including Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Seymour-Clarke W.M., T. E. Goddard S.W., Robson J.W., McDonald, Partridge, Brereton, Kimbell, Gabriel, Bearcock, and others. After the usual formalities, Bro. Bearcock offered himself for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second, and third sections of the Lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bros. H. Gabriel and Charles Smith were elected members; Bro. T. E. Goddard W.M. for Monday evening next, at eight p.m. The Lodge was closed in ancient form. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge is situated within three minutes' walk of Hackney Downs Station, whence frequent trains are to be obtained, to and from the City.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—Held at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on 28th September. Bros. Kern W.M., Holness S.W., Orme J.W., Hepburn S.D., Hunter I.G., C. G. Sparrow Sec., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Kern vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sheppard; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate. Bro. Kern resumed the chair; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. Bro. Holness was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Thursday evening, 23rd September. Present:—Comps. Brown Z., Hobbs H., Cusworth J., Osborn S.E., Weston S.N., Pearcy P.S., Halford Treas., J. L. Mather Preceptor; also Comps. C. Lorkin, Lockwood, Fysh, &c. The Chapter having been declared open for the purposes of improvement, the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Lockwood acting as candidate. From the known ability of these Principals in R.A. Masonry, the ceremony, as might be expected, was beautifully rendered, and was well appreciated by the Companions present. Comp. Lockwood was elected a member. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the Officers of the evening retain their positions at the next meeting. Chapter was then closed, and adjourned to the following Thursday evening, at eight o'clock.

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street, on Tuesday evening, 28th September. Present—Bros. Hirst W.M., Gilham S.W., Rothschild J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Acting Secretary, Payne S.D., Croger J.D., Fox I.G.; also Bros. Greeve, J. J. Harlow, W. Williams, A. McMillan, Isaac, Osborn Secretary, Byng, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. McMillan P.M. of the Clapton Lodge 1365 and Bro. J. J. Harlow of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge 1602 were elected members. Bro. Gilham S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. R. Pearcy, the Preceptor, would take place at the Lodge-rooms, on Tuesday, the 19th of October.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The first regular meeting of this influential Lodge since the vacation was held on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Bros. B. Turner W.M., J. E. Shand S.W., Smith J.W., B. Swallow P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott Sec., J. Wangh S.D., J. A. Hammond as I.G., Janes D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. B. W. Swallow and E. White, with a numerous attendance of the Members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. G. Faber P.M. 339, J. Edell 12, F. Krause 339, M. Cook 1614, J. R. Curtis 22, Collins 257, De Leliva 1426, H. M. Levy P.M 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. O. Farrell was passed to the second degree, and Bro. F. Cox was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Both these ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered, the several Officers being perfect in knowledge of their duties. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. E. Shand S.W. was unanimously chosen to fill the office. Bro. B. H. Swallow P.M P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Both these brethren suitably replied for the honour. Bro. Potter P.M. was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Hammond, Ward, and Eastgate were elected Auditors. The Secretary read the Bye-laws of the Lodge, and two brethren were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The resignation of Bro. John Innes was accepted, with regret. Bro. E. White P.M., in a very excellent speech, proposed that a sum of £10 10s be voted from the funds to present the W.M. with a P.M.'s collar and jewel; for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Thursday in November. The brethren afterwards sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols. Grace having been said, the W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Swallow P.M. then rose and said it was the duty of the I.P.M. to propose the next toast, but that official being absent, he (Bro. Swallow) felt a great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. They had seen how ably he had performed the two ceremonies; he had also done all that had been required of him during his year of office, and the members all respect him. As this was the last evening Bro. Turner would occupy the chair as W.M., he hoped the brethren would drink the toast as it deserved to be honoured. The W.M. thanked Bro. Swallow and the brethren for their reception of the toast; his rule had been a source of pleasure to him during the twelve months, and he had always studied to do all for the good of the brethren. If he had done this to their satisfaction, it was to him a source of intense gratification. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and accorded one and all a hearty welcome. The Visitors severally acknowledged the compliment, and Bros. Collins and Edell expressed their desire to join the Lodge. The W.M. next remarked that all Lodges were proud of their P.M.'s. The City of Westminster had but four, being a new Lodge; in fact, that evening they had but one present—Bro. Swallow, who was the Founder of the Lodge. All knew his good qualities, and all respected him. Bro. Swallow, in reply, said there were at present five Past Masters, and he hoped to see many more. The Lodge had been well spoken of by Visitors, and he trusted it would continue to prosper. This was the opening night of a new session, and he hoped to see a prosperous year under the ruling of their new Master. The W.M. had now a toast to propose—one, he was sure, that would be received with pleasure—that was the Wor. Master elect. Bro. Shand is one who will be a worthy successor to all who have preceded him in the chair; all know his qualifications and the manner in which he is respected in the Lodge. His excellent ability for working augurs a good future under his Mastership. Bro. Shand said the reception he had met with in the Lodge was very flattering; he felt a deep interest in its welfare, many very old friends of his having joined it. The complimentary remarks made by a visitor he was pleased to hear, and the warmth of feeling exhibited by the worthy W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary—indeed the brethren generally—would be an incentive to him to work diligently to do all in his power for their satisfaction. The next toast—the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and with it the W.M. would couple the Officers of the Lodge—was most eloquently proposed. The Secretary (Bro. Scott) is one every brother looks up to with respect; indeed nothing could be done without him. He is an Officer that any Lodge might be proud of. The same remarks might be applied to Bros. Shand, Wangh, and Janes; the W.M. hoped every member would give this toast a hearty reception. The toast was ably responded to by Bro. Swallow P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Scott P.M. and Secretary; these brethren were followed by other of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast was then given.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—On Wednesday, 29th Sept., at Bro. Hallows', the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present:—Bros. Franklin W.M., Inman S.W., Clark J.W., Upward S.D., Edwards J.D., Wildash I.G.; also Bros. Kirkland, F. Hallows, Webster, Banbury and Mustart. After preliminaries, Bro. F. Hallows answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M., and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first, when Bro. Edwards took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Webster as candidate. On the proposition of Bro. F. Hallows, seconded by Bro. Clark, a vote of thanks to Bro. Franklin was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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THIS DAY'S MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE brethren will observe with much interest the proceedings at the General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 30th ultimo. It must be gratifying to the whole Craft that the House Committee have in such a short space of time turned their new purchase to account, by rendering the late Lyncombe House capable of adding twenty-five more girls to the muster-roll of the School. Considering that it is not six months since that the purchase was completed, and that the alterations were, comparatively speaking, extensive, the Committee may be credited with great activity in endeavouring to relieve the Order of the reproach of having a large number of needy applicants ineffectually clamouring for relief. Now at least that reproach is rolled away, and there will be only twelve candidates out of a list of fifty-four who cannot be admitted. We trust that there may never again be as long a list of candidates, and if the motion of which Dr. Ramsay has given notice for the meeting to-day should be carried, a salutary check will be placed to the wholesale crowding of petitioners round the doors of the Institution. We mention that motion out of its order, as it directly bears on the initial step of placing children on the list of the two Schools. Dr. Ramsay proposes that before a girl should be placed on the list, she must "have a certificate from a clergyman in orders or a certificated teacher that she can read and write English, and work the first four rules in Arithmetic." It must be remembered that the Masonic Schools are not infant schools, and that some amount of education, deserving of the name of education, should be possessed by a candidate for the benefits of either of them. If a brother, the father of the candidate, has been so poor or so neglectful as not to afford his child that advantage, he certainly is a man who ought not to have been admitted to the Craft, and there are really too many of these at the present day. We look on Dr. Ramsay's motion as a healthful sign, and that the brethren are beginning to wake up to a sense of their true mission. The meeting of last week has also other claims to being long remembered. When the purchase of Lyncombe House was mooted, Colonel Creaton stated that the invested funds would not have to be touched to provide the £6,500 purchase-money, or the money required for the repairs. The truth of this statement was verified at this meeting by a resolution being carried to invest £500 in consols, the finances on running account, after all liabilities had been discharged, admitting of that investment. In that respect also the managers of the Institution are entitled to the warmest thanks of the brethren, and we can but hope that in their future career they will equally merit approval. Bro. E. C. Mather's motion, to raise the maximum amount from £20 to £40, which the Committee may give towards the advancement of a deserving girl on leaving the Institution, no doubt has many merits, and will probably be freely discussed to-day. If the Committee continue to conduct their business in so praiseworthy a manner as that which we have above alluded to, the gift of the larger amount may as safely be left in their hands as the smaller, and we should be sorry indeed to throw any obstacle in the way of an exceptionally talented girl making her mark in the world, and so reflecting honour on the Institution in which she was educated. The motion of Bro. Mather is one of the results of the agitation induced by the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. We do not look with much approval on Bro. A. H. Tattershall's motion. We strongly object to close boroughs, and we do not see why any Institution should depend for its proper management on a few persons who may never be changed. We approve of new blood being introduced on Committees, not of entire revolution and sweeping away a whole Committee. Let new members occasionally be put on, and let them be such that no section of the Craft may say it has no voice in the management of the affairs of the Institution. The Committees must not be so composed that its members will blindly follow the opinion of one man or of a few men, and at every election it must be a trial of strength between the various sections of the widely-extending Order. Brother Tattershall's motion will scarcely convince the brethren that the object of all will be achieved, although no doubt its honest aim is that the House Committee shall not be made up of men raw to their work, who would certainly, though unintentionally, materially damage the prosperity of the Institution.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

THAT the remarks we have lately felt justified in making concerning candidates for the benefits of the Masonic Schools should have been allowed to pass unnoticed is very far from what we expected. Nor has such been the case, as will be seen from a reference to other parts of this week's issue, wherein we publish letters we have received upon the subject. We have, from time to time, pointed out some of the difficulties which present themselves to the searcher for an unbiassed opinion on the merits of the respective candidates who are put forward to take part in our School elections, and have expressed ourselves as reluctant to publish to the world any statement of facts we may become possessed of, lest, on further inquiry, they may prove either exaggerated, incorrect, or it may be entirely untrue. Still, we feel that we have a duty to perform, and however obnoxious may be the tasks we are occasionally called upon to fulfil in the execution of that duty, it has ever been our desire to face them fearlessly, but above all to act with the strictest impartiality. Whatever we may have done or said in the course of our editorial career, we think we have the credit of having acted fairly in every matter that has come under our notice, and not unfrequently have we had the satisfaction of learning that our intervention has been the means of uniting those between whom differences of opinion had caused a break in the friendship and good feeling which should characterise Freemasons. We say we have the reputation of acting fairly, and we assure our readers this has not been obtained without a great amount of anxious care on our part, and as—to a very great extent—we owe our success to that reputation, we shall still use every effort in our power to maintain and uphold it. The task we have lately set ourselves to accomplish is one of the most difficult we have yet approached, and it is only by the co-operation and support of the subscribers to the Institutions that we can hope that success will attend us. We have stated, and to-day repeat, that either through bad management, insufficient restrictions, or from unworthy motives, candidates for our Schools are approved, and even elected, whose friends are in a far better position to maintain them than are very many of the subscribers to the Schools themselves. While such a state of things exists, we shall

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not consider we are doing our duty if we allow a case to pass unchallenged where the evidence that is forthcoming may be of a nature we may deem needful of explanation. If, in the course of our remarks, we may deem it desirable to introduce names into the discussion, or if our comments may appear personal to any, we assure them that offence is not intended, and that if we are strong in condemning, we are likewise ready to aid and support any candidate who may be proved worthy to receive the benefits offered by the Institutions. In the past we have used every possible means to advance the interests of the Masonic Charities, and our present desire to continue in that course must be our excuse—if any be needed—for taking up the subject now under consideration.

Unfortunately for the world in general, but more particularly for that portion of its inhabitants on whom the goddess Fortune has not lavished her smiles, science has not yet succeeded in providing us with the means of measuring the intensity of human misery and woe, or it would be an easy matter to ascertain from among the many applicants who seek admission to the Masonic and other charitable institutions those most in need of the relief they seek. But it does not require the wisdom of a Solomon to determine, in the majority of cases, those whose circumstances in life stamp them as special objects for sympathy and assistance. We need hardly go further than refer our readers to the ballot papers for to-day's and Monday's elections to explain our meaning. There we find instances of children being left parentless, and, if our information be correct, there are some among the number who are actually without a known relative in the world, and would indeed be friendless were it not for the charitable instinct which—we rejoice to say it—is to be found in so large a majority of Englishmen. Would it be possible to say that these are not special objects for consideration as compared with the child who, although fatherless, has yet a mother and numerous relatives living, from whom advice and comfort should at all times be forthcoming? We think not, and thus it is that we take upon ourselves to briefly review, as time after time the elections come round, the claims of the various candidates which the ballot papers report as seeking admission to the respective Institutions.

As we have already stated, we publish elsewhere certain letters which have been addressed to us in consequence of remarks we have made, during the last few weeks, concerning candidates who will seek admission to our Schools within the next few hours, and we take the earliest opportunity at our disposal to make public the various opinions which have reached us bearing on the points at issue. The case of Arthur Harvey Collingwood being the one most recently referred to in these columns, we will first take under consideration the letters we have received relating thereto; but we would first point out to the writer of the communication challenging our remarks that the comments contained in our last week's issue were based on facts, the confirmation of which were within the reach of any one who chose to substantiate them. If incorrect, they should therefore be capable of easy contradiction, and that too in so forcible a manner as to decide the matter once and for all. We quite believe Bro. 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Girling's letter does not give the information we require. We inquired of him, after the receipt of his first communication, if there was any objection to saying how much duty was returned? and how much the estate was finally proved at? In reply, he says, he "cannot to-day answer, as he finds his solicitor is away." This is most unfortunate, as the whole case rests on that one point. Now there are certain facts in connection with the candidature which bear on this part of the subject, and we must leave our readers to attach what importance they please to these facts. Bro. Collingwood died on the 16th of November 1878, and letters of administration of his estate were not granted until February 1880; that is, fifteen months after his decease, and but eight months from the present time. Our opinion is—that a fair estimate of the probable amount that would be realised ought to have been formed in the fifteen months which intervened between his death and the payment of the legacy duty, and that if the property has so far decreased in value during the last eight months, so as to place the family in the needful circumstances now represented, they must have been very ill advised. We have taken the pains to thus explain our views of this portion of Bro. Girling's letter, but we would point out one fact he seems to have overlooked. The petition for the admission of the lad A. H. Collingwood to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys must have been presented as far back as the 1st January 1880, as by the rules of that Institution "the list of candidates for election in April" (in which election young Collingwood took a part) "is closed at the meeting of the General Committee on the first Saturday in January," and every petition emanating from the London District "must be forwarded to the Secretary at least two days prior to such meeting;" that *is*, in the present instance, not later than the 1st of January last. Besides this, it is necessary that the petition should have been signed at a meeting of the recommending Lodge, which in this case we believe to be the Canonbury, No. 657, the last meeting of which—in 1879—took place, so far as we can learn from Grand Lodge Calendar, on Thursday, 11th December, so that, even assuming the petition was drawn up, recommended and presented at the latest possible time, the family did then, or at least did two months afterwards, believe their fortune to be £9,000, subject, of course, to the payment of the debts of the deceased. We can but regret, once more, we are not in a position to give the final result, but the authorities at the Legacy and Succession Duty Office being unable to satisfy us, and no other means of obtaining the information offering, we must for the present leave that consideration open.

The second point which we looked upon as needing some explanation was that part of Bro. Girling's letter wherein he says, "the widow, therefore, has to educate and maintain two children upon a very small income." By the ballot paper we are informed that there are four children dependent. Bro. Girling is ablo to, and does, answer the query we addressed to him on this matter in the following words:—"Since the petition was presented one child has come of age, and one has married," while from his first letter we learn that a third "comes of age next month, and is about to marry," so that the original family of four dependents will be reduced, within a month, to one, and that one is, we presume, the candidate now seeking election to the Boys' School. We do not know what is considered as "dependent" by the Committee of the Boys' Institution, but it seems strange to us, to say the least of it, to class persons between the ages of twenty and twenty-one years in such a category, more especially when, as in the present instance, according to the showing of their friends, they are entitled to a share of a large estate on their coming of age. Another item which strikes us as peculiar is,—how comes it that the last ballot paper places the number of dependents at four, when one at least of the family must have attained the age of twenty-one years before its issue, as the fact of another child coming of age next month would naturally lead us to suppose? The more we look into this case the more surprised we feel that it should ever have found a place among the approved petitions, and unless some very important information be forthcoming on Monday next, we cannot understand how the Committee can justify its retention on the list of candidates. As will

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be seen from Bro. Girling's second letter, which we publish in another column, the remarks made in our issue of 2nd inst. have drawn towards the candidate a "host of sympathising friends." We are only too pleased to hear it, as we are assured that such could only be the case in the event of the candidate being a fit and proper subject for the benefits of the Institution he seeks—a fact we must leave in the hands of the subscribers to the School to decide for themselves on Monday next. Accordingly, if the boy is elected, we might feel ourselves justified in claiming a small share in that result.

The other case requiring special consideration at our hands is that of A. L. Ford, a candidate for admission to the Girls' School. And here we will give it as our opinion, formed after further inquiry into the position of the petitioners, that we believe the election of the child will be for its benefit, and an act of Masonic Charity to her parents. It may be remembered that in our issue of 18th ult. we specially referred to the petition presented on behalf of A. L. Ford, and in doing so we particularly stated that "our remarks were not made against the parents individually, but against a system we thought needed improvement." We then pointed out that both this child's parents were living, and that they had two children to support—which was the only information we could gather from the published particulars. At the same time we presumed that there were some special features which had warranted the acceptance of the petition; and now that we have obtained these particulars, we are satisfied, so far as this child is concerned; but we hope the case will prove an example to others, who should, if possible, publish reasons for petitioning the Charities if they are circumstanced in any way similar to the candidate Ford. In conclusion, we can but wish our Brother Ford success in his effort to obtain a place in the School for his daughter, and we have pleasure in placing prominently before our readers all we have been able to learn in respect of his petition.

THE CANDIDATURE OF A. H. COLLINGWOOD FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

RE ARTHUR HARVEY COLLINGWOOD.

Northampton House, Seven Sisters-road,
6th October 1880.

SIR,—My attention has been called to an article in your issue of the 2nd instant, headed "Unworthy Claimants for the Benefits of our Charities," in which several remarks are made with reference to the above case, which are seriously calculated to injure the chance of success of the above candidate at the ensuing election.

Bro. Collingwood did not retire from his business of a butcher with a large fortune, as mentioned in your article; on the contrary, he was induced to join in building and starting a brewery in the north of London, and in order to meet the liabilities of the concern, he was obliged to sell his butcher's business. The brewery up to the time of his death showed a loss, and was not the flourishing concern you imagine.

At the death of Bro. Collingwood it was thought advisable that the personal estate should be sworn under £9000, but upon going into the assets of the estate, and the books of the brewery, it was found that this estimate was a great deal too high, and an application has been made to the Government authorities, and part of the duty paid returned.

Two of the children have already come of age, and have received their share of the estate, and another child comes of age next month, and is about to marry, and she will then receive her share.

The widow, therefore, has to educate and maintain two children upon a very small income; in fact, it is utterly impossible for her to do so without the aid of her friends. Owing to the smallness of her income, she had to leave the house she has resided in with her husband, dispose of part of her furniture, and take a small house at a very low rental.

It is a great pity that, if such an article was contemplated, the author should not have applied to those supporters of the case who could have given full information, and also that the article did not appear in a previous issue, so that it could be answered before the day previous to the election. This case is a really deserving case; otherwise I, for one, should never think of bringing it before the brethren.

Yours, &c.

JAMES GIRLING.

[On receipt of the above letter we wrote to Bro. Girling—as time was short—to the following effect.—ED. F.C.]

[COPY.] 6th October 1880.

". . . . The Editor assumes that the letter is intended for publication, but inasmuch as there are one or two points not clear, he will be glad to receive further particulars.

1. Mr. Girling states that a part of the duty has been returned. Is there any objection to saying how much? and also how much the estate was finally proved at?

2. Mr. G. says, that "the widow has to educate and maintain *two* children," whereas the particulars given in the ballot paper of the R.M.I.B. state that *four* are "dependent." In what way is the variation accounted for? . . ."

Bro. Girling replied as follows:—

Northampton House, Seven Sisters-road N.
7th October 1880.

SIR,—Your favour of yesterday. I cannot to-day answer your first query, as I find my solicitor is away. With regard to the second—since the petition was presented, one child has come of age, and one married, and have withdrawn from the widow the little they were entitled to. I can add no more than say, I wish my letter published, and I would remark that the attack made in your journal upon this case has drawn around it a host of sympathising friends.

Yours truly,

J. GIRLING.

We have also been requested to publish the following:—

THE CANDIDATURE OF A. L. FORD FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Park-street, Southwark, S.E.
5th October 1880.

DEAR SIR,—My attention has been called to a statement in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in reference to the candidature of A. L. Ford for the Masonic Institution for Girls, No. 25, which I think should at once be contradicted, or it may materially injure her chance of success. The facts are these:—Mr. Ford, her father, has been some years in trade as a publican at the Blue Anchor, Coleman-street, and elsewhere. He has, however, unfortunately failed, and his affairs have been in liquidation, and we know him to be quite without means, and still owing us a considerable sum of money. It, however, being necessary to keep the above house open, as we are unable to sell the lease, we have allowed him and his wife to remain in the house and work the trade, which is, however, very small, until we can find a customer, or make arrangements to get rid of it. This may occur at any moment, and he will then have to turn out. Under these circumstances, I think you will agree with me that it is a case which may fairly be supported by the brethren, and I trust you will do all in your power to dissipate the bad impression the statements in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE may have begotten.

I am, yours fraternally,

H. CRISSTALL, P.M.
(Messrs. Barclay, Perkins & Co.)

[Copy.]

6 Arthur-street-east, London Bridge,
6th October 1880.

Sir,—Mr. Ford having shown me a paper called THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of the 18th ult., containing some remarks respecting his application for the admission of his little daughter to the Charity of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at his request I beg to say that the whole of his property has been sold by auction by my authority, as the trustee to his estate in liquidation, and I believe he is only now living at the Blue Anchor, in Coleman-street, by the kindness of his largest creditors, Messrs. Barclay and Co., and from whom he might at any moment have notice to leave.

Yours, &c.

W. IZARD.

The eighth annual benefit of Mr. H. Ottaway, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk troop of Negro minstrels, will be held at their quarters, in the Agricultural Hall, on the evening of Wednesday next, the 13th instant. The feature of the occasion will be that, as in former years, the Minstrels will appear with white faces, while the programme, which will consist chiefly of Irish songs, old and new, will likewise comprise a song by the beneficiary himself, as well as Haydn's celebrated Toy Symphony. We cannot but anticipate a most successful evening from so admirable a programme, and Mr. Ottaway has our best wishes for his success.

Madame Worrell announces her annual evening Concert for Thursday, 21st October, at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham-road, Brixton. Madame Worrell, whose abilities are favourably known to many of our readers, will be assisted by Misses Matilda Roby, Annie Matthews, Orridge, Lizzie Evans and Pauline Featherby; Messrs. Harper Kearton, Arthur J. Thompson, R. De Lacy, James Budd, Frank Ward, T. P. Frame, J. H. Maunder, Thos. Nettleship, and Henry Baker. Pianoforte—Mrs. Bucknall-Eyre; Violin—Mr. R. T. Bamber; Conductor—Mr. Turle Lee. Tickets and further particulars may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 67 Knowle-road, Brixton Road, S.W.

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BRO. GOULD'S "FOUR OLD LODGES."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I SHALL call attention to but two subjects in Bro. Gould's book. 1st. I beg to express my thanks to him for supplying a desideratum, viz., by publishing so many Lodge lists, which were inaccessible to me, more particularly the lists of 1740, 1756, 1770, 1781, and 1792. These lists were published after each re-numbering of the English Lodges, and Bro. Gould has supplied double columns of numbers, denoting what the number of each Lodge was before and after it was re-numbered. With the aid of these Lodge lists, I shall prove that No. 79, of 1730, was never a Philadelphia Lodge in 1730, or at any subsequent time. I shall begin with the Lodge list of 1730 to 1732, page 50, and next, I will cite a Lodge list of 1737 (not in Bro. Gould's book), and then continue with Bro. Gould's lists.

Old No.	New No.		
1732 ...	79	Castle at Highgate.	
1737 ...	79	Two Angels and Crown, Little St. Martin's-lane	1730
1740 79	68	Griffin, Snow Hill	1730
1756 68	42	Windmill, Rosemary-lane	1730
1770 42	35	Windmill, Rosemary-lane	1730
1781 35	31	L. of Fortitude, Hamburgh Arms, E. Smithfield	1730
1792 31	29	L. of Fortitude, Hamburgh Arms, E. Smithfield	1730
1814 29	45	Lodge of Fortitude, Burnham, Essex ...	1730

The last line I have copied from Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union" Lodge list, page 101. Under the 1832 column of the list, the space where the No. ought to appear is blank, thus showing that the Lodge was extinct in 1832. The above demonstration must now satisfy all parties concerned, that Lodge No. 79 of 1730 was born in England, lived in England, and died in England.

The subject I now call attention to is the *second* of the old Lodges. In 1738, Anderson described the four Lodges respectively as having held their meetings in 1717:—1st. At the Goose and Gridiron; 2nd. At the Crown, Parker's-lane; 3rd. At the Apple Tree, Covent Garden; and 4th. At the Rummer and Grapes, Westminster. In a Lodge list appended to the 1738 Constitution, he begins with:—

"1st. King's Arms Tavern, in St. Paul's Churchyard, removed from the Goose and Gridiron. This the Senior Lodge, whose Constitution is immemorial.

"2nd. Horn Tavern, in New Palace Yard, Westminster. The old Lodge removed from Rummer and Grapes, Channel-row, whose Constitution is also immemorial, it being one of the four Lodges mentioned, page —." [I forget the page].

The list then continues with the new Lodges constituted in 1721 and 1722, till he comes to No. 10, and I will give it entire.

"10. Queen's Head, in Knave's-acre. This was one of the four Lodges mentioned, viz., the Apple Tree Tavern, in Charles-street, Covent Garden, whose Constitution is immemorial. But after they removed to the Queen's Head, upon some difference, the members that met there came under a new Constitution, though they wanted it not, and it is, therefore, placed at this number. N.B. The Crown, in Parker's-lane, is now extinct. 27th Feb. 1723."

This "Crown, in Parker's-lane," was the second oldest Lodge in 1717, and I shall designate it Lodge No. 2. Now, Bro. Gould, by following up carefully the successive Lodge lists from 1723, traces the successive removals from public-house to public-house of the very original No. 2 Lodge, until 1733. The Grand Lodge Record bears testimony to the existence of the said No. 2 Lodge in 1733, when it paid to the charity fund £1 1s. Here then is a puzzle:—How could Lodge No. 2 have died before 1723 and still continue on all the Lodge lists, as well as in the Grand Lodge Record, up to 1733, as Lodge No. 2? Now, let us hear what Bro. Gould says about it:—

"Original No. 2, meeting at the Crown, Parker's lane, in 1717, was established at the Queen's Head, Turnstile, Holborn, in 1723 or earlier. It had removed to the Green Lattice, Brownlow-street, by 1725, whence it migrated to the Rose and Rummer 1728, and to the Rose and Buffler 1729. In 1730, it met at the Bull and Gate, Holborn, and appearing for the last time in the engraved list for 1736, was struck off the roll at the renumbering in 1740.

"The above summary may, I think, be relied upon, but an entry in the minutes of the Grand Lodge, of 'March 16th 1752,' is a little confusing." (Here is the minute of 16th March 1752.)

"The petition of several brethren meeting at the Crown in Parker's-lane, praying that the Lodge formerly held there might be restored and have its former place in the Lodge Book. But it appearing the said Lodge had been discontinued about thirty years, and that no one of the petitioners had been a member thereof—ordered, that the said petition be rejected."

"If this minute of Grand Lodge be literally accurate [says Bro. Gould] the following difficulty is presented:—

"The old, or original Lodges, meeting respectively at the Goose and Gridiron, the Apple Tree, the Rummer and Grapes, having been identified beyond cavil with Nos. 1, 10, and 2 in Anderson's List for 1738, and the remaining old Lodge of 1717—the Crown [No. 2]—having lapsed about 1722, whence came the No. 2 of 1729, with a Constitution dating from 1712, considering that only *four* old Lodges were existent in 1717, all of which are otherwise accounted for?

"The most natural explanation of this mystery would be some such hypothesis as the following, viz., that an additional *pre*-revival Lodge had somehow crept into the new organisation."

With regard to the Grand Lodge minute of 1752, Bro. Gould suggests that "the period of discontinuance attributed to the Lodge [No. 2] may have been recorded as *thirty* instead of *twenty* years," &c.

With all due respect to Bro. Gould, I cannot agree to either of his theories. There is not a shadow of evidence to support the theory of a pre-1717 Lodge having crept into the new organisation; and the evidence of the identity of the No. 2 of 1717 and the No. 2 of 1733 is so complete and overwhelming as to destroy, in my mind, all belief in the statement made by the Grand Lodge Committee in 1752. Grand Lodge Committees are not infallible. The Grand Lodge Committee in 1752 may have been prejudiced against the petitioners or the petition; the petitioners, who had never belonged to Lodge No. 2 of 1717, were, consequently, unable to contradict the statement of the Committee about the Lodge having lapsed thirty years before. Besides, the statement of the Committee was supported by Anderson's Lodge List. True, Anderson was the only source whence they derived their information; but what petitioner would have been bold enough in those days to ask for additional evidence? I myself always believed Anderson to state that Lodge No. 2 died before 1723, and I would have continued to believe so if Bro. Gould had not convinced me that the Lodge lived till 1733 at least. This knowledge induced me to study Anderson anew, and I came to the conclusion that we all misunderstood his paragraph relating to Lodge No. 2; or, in other words, I believe that Anderson never intended to convey the idea that the said Lodge became extinct before 1723. Be it remembered that Anderson did not compile his Lodge List in 1723, but in 1738, and having accounted for three of the old Lodges with the finish of the paragraph relating to No. 10, a sudden thought seems to have entered into his head, that he might as well have finished the job at once by accounting for the remaining Lodge; so he wrote, there and then, "No. 10. The Crown, in Parker's Lane; the other of the four old Lodges is now [1738] extinct." It was simply a blunder on the part of Anderson to write the paragraph relating to No. 2 as he did; and even as it is, if the said paragraph had been put down as a foot-note, it would not have been misunderstood, while, on the other hand, as already hinted, the Committee of 1752 on the petition must naturally have sought for information in Anderson's Constitution. Indeed, it was then *the only printed authority* a Committee could have consulted on the subject; and, understanding the Anderson Lodge List as we all understood it, reported accordingly. "But it appears the said Lodge had been discontinued about thirty years." I admit that this is only an hypothesis; but when the continued existence of Lodge No. 2 is proved *beyond doubt*, we must either come to the conclusion that Anderson wilfully lied, or that there is a mistake somewhere. Now, in this particular case, I can imagine no motive that could have induced Anderson to misstate a *fact*, which must have been known to most of his readers in 1738; while, on the other hand, his phrase, "is now extinct," can be rationally explained by supposing that he meant to say, "*Now*, in 1738, the Lodge is extinct." By adopting, therefore, this hypothesis, the whole "mystery" is solved.

Boston, U.S., 17th Sept. 1880.

FREEMASONRY IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

BRO. the Rev. R. L. Cloquet, Rector of Covenham, St. Bartholomew, Louth, Lincolnshire, preached a sermon to Freemasons on Sunday afternoon, 26th September, in St. Benedict's Church, from the text Eph ii. 20, 21. The rev. gentleman thus introduced the subject:—

Whatever the carping critic may say as to the propriety of introducing the subject of Freemasonry in the House of God, we reply that the Freemasons of England take the Bible as their infallible guide, and have for their ruler the highest Prince in the empire—our beloved Prince of Wales, the illustrious son of parents, perhaps, the most renowned of all time.

Albert the Good shall never be forgotten; and Victoria our Queen, since that memorable morning in her maidenhood, when, having just ascended the throne, her eyes flashing and her bosom heaving with strong emotion, she wrote across the dark page of the condemnation of the soldier of the line, the bright saving word "Pardoned!" remarking to the Duke of Wellington, "Let it be for others to use influence. I will try *mercy* in this case"—since that hour, we say, up to the present moment, a long period of over 40 years, Victoria stands perhaps the only Sovereign in the world's history whose life, public and private, the biographer can immortalize with the motto, *Sans Tache*. Long may your Grand Master reflect the virtues of his immortal strain!" After referring to the antiquity of Freemasonry, and its various aspects, which, as the reverend gentleman remarked, "must commend it to every human heart," he proceeded:—We must not flatter you. We do not say you are perfect. We know how some of your brethren on the Continent have been anxious to throw off formal and expressed allegiance to high heaven. But we do say, in all the sincerity of our heart, that Freemasonry as a rule, and perhaps with this single exception, is one of the most perfect developments in these our days of "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father." For you gladden and "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," and if you are true to the Craft, you will study to "keep yourselves unspotted from the world." Amongst the many valuable and suggestive remarks of the preacher, the following especially are well worthy of record, and should be studied by all: And would to God your Order were even still far more extended, for then might "wars and rumours of wars" cease upon this blood-stained earth. Great and substantial and ennobling rewards have crowned your labours of love; and it may be that the day is not far distant when through some such practical lever as your institution supplies, the nations of our world shall be elevated to the true degree of humanity, and "learn war no more:" heartily joining in the angelic invocation of one of your rituals, "Glory be to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men"—when

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"The world admiring, admiring shall request
To learn, and your bright oaths pursue."

So mote it be!" Bro. Cloquet's peroration was in these words: And now, in conclusion, dearly beloved "brethren of the mystic tie," let me remind you that you are members of one of the most sacred and honourable institutions on earth—an institution which I cannot better characterize than as a DIVINE BOND OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD; and therefore I would ask—yea, pledge you, in this House of God, on this Holy Day, ever to walk worthy of your high calling. And my earnest prayer for you is, that ye may continue to prove yourselves living stones of this glorious temple on earth; and that, finally, each one of you and all may be found worthy of a place in the Higher and Everlasting Temple above, through Jesus Christ our Lord. So mote it be!" The preceding is but an outline of Bro. Cloquet's sermon, which was eloquent in expression, dignified in tone, and a masterly tribute to the grandeur of Freemasonry. When it is remembered that the brethren lie under the ban of the Church of Rome, and every effort has been made to destroy the Order, it is something to have a clergyman of the National Church standing up in the pulpit and boldly announcing his attachment to the Craft. The thanks of Freemasons are due to Bro. Cloquet, and although there was not a large muster of the brethren present to hear the sermon, some of the most foremost representatives of the Lodges attended, and no doubt were as gratified as we were with Bro. Cloquet's defence of the noblest human institution in the world. It is a universal church, in which creeds and dogmas are unknown, but which embraces all that is pure and holy of every faith. It is a passport to the ends of the earth, a bond that unites nations, which can never be severed till time is no more.—

Norwich Argus.

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the leader in the CHRONICLE of Saturday, 25th ult., upon the above subject, and as necessarily must be the case with only partial facts before you, your comments on the whole, to say the least, are judicious. Yet there are individual cases upon those lists of candidates that appear sad and neglected, and doubtless are neglected by those who are responsible for sending them in the first instance to the Institutions, but when the facts in connection therewith are explained—and these facts have their counterpart in all our Provinces—it clearly shows many candidates are on those lists who never had a reasonable chance of being elected, thus unduly swelling an already heavy list of applicants, and making it appear to the outsider, either that the Craft does not support its Institutions, when sending seventy-three boys to compete for sixteen vacancies, or that the Institutions are not doing what might be done with their large incomes voluntarily raised—neither of these propositions being true. For some years past I have represented the Province of Devon at the London Elections of all our great Charities, and I confine my remarks in reference to your comments on the approaching contest. To the boy candidates hailing from the Province of Devon for the coming October Election you truly say,—of No. 7—E. E. Hawke—having made four applications already, with but one vote to his credit, "We presume he is under the fostering care of the Charity Committee of that Province." Again you say, "No. 11, W. R. D. Foot, applies for the fourth time, *with not* even *one* vote recorded for him." True to the letter, but when it is explained both these boys—Hawke and Foot—have *long* since *been elected* into the "Devon Educational Fund," and are receiving the benefits therefrom, I ask, Should not both these cases have been removed from the list of candidates, seeing no reasonable chance exists of either ever being elected, as neither boy has the slightest influence or likelihood of obtaining votes outside Devon, and the *cases were never adopted or selected* by the "Committee of Petitions." This Committee fully investigates every case that is brought before it, and upon the merits of the respective applicants gives the selected ones their whole and undivided support. Take, for instance, the third boy from Devon, No. 26—S. E. Loveridge—whom you say has been "*more fortunate*, bringing to his credit 324 votes." In this boy we have the selected candidate of the Committee of Petitions, and without doubt he will be elected.

Bear in mind, every candidate selected by the Committee of Petitions for our great Charities—whether Aged Mason, Widow, Boy, or Girl—has been elected into the respective Institutions for some years past; but *this Committee*—call it what you will, that of Petitions, Charity Committee, or anything you like—is an Institution known now in nearly every Province of England; its chief functions being to organise the voting power of the Province in connection with the London Charities of our Craft; to discuss the merits of each case brought before it; to select the most deserving, and to give to the same all the votes of the Province coming into its possession; and standing by the adopted candidates until they are elected. This Committee, from practice, knows its work, and knows accurately the voting strength of its Province, and is very careful *not to adopt* or *select* more cases than it believes can be carried in a given time with the probable votes at its command. But here is the rub. This Committee has not, nor has any other body, the power to say to a Lodge or to individual brethren—"*You must not send that petition* for So-and-So; we cannot give it support, and no chance exists of its ever being successful." But, nevertheless, the case goes up, the Lodge and brethren who, having conformed with certain laws of our Institutions, have the independent right to act, send case after case up, quite irrespective of its Charity Committee, or the possibility of the poor applicant ever being elected. Who can say the brethren act wisely in so doing—with no *outside* influence for the case, knowing well the bulk of the Province votes come regularly into the hands of the Committee, who are pledged to use them for the selected candidate of the Province? This individual action on the part of the Lodge, with no ultimate prospect of success, *raises false hopes* and ideas in the minds of candidates and friends. They, of course, being totally unacquainted with the working, live on, election after election, hoping next time it will "come off," which, in this class of case, nine times out of ten, it *does not*. At last, the old man or the widow dies; and the boy or girl, as the case may be, becomes disqualified by age from further competition.

In fact, to tell the truth, I fear the Lodges in many cases sign the petition of the applicant for the London *Charities to stave* off what otherwise would be an application for some assistance from its funds; or, to prevent this application being made, the petition is got up, and the Lodge from which it emanates never give even a proxy or think of it again, *except when it may casually hear* of *its failure* at the elections again and again.

The question in my mind for some time past has been, whether the laws of our *several Institutions—Boys' and Girls' especially*—could not at least be so modified, or altered, so far as the right exists of sending up petitions from Lodges or brethren without supervision.

For instance, it would be well if instead of a Lodge, as now, acting independently in sending up the petition of a candidate to the Charities, by alteration of the laws of the Institutions, had to submit the name of its candidate to a Committee of the Province—nearly all Provinces have such Committees—or some organisation in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge that selects the Charity cases for the London Institutions, which could utilise its voting power. *To this body*, in my opinion, each case *in a Province* that is proposed to be sent to one or other of our Institutions, should be submitted, in the first place, to this Committee. The Committee would know something of the merits of the case—what its chance of ultimate success was—what assistance the Lodge itself was prepared to give the candidate *of its adoption*—the amount of influence likely to be obtained for the case *outside* the Province—if the Province votes and the influence of the Committee had already been given to other deserving cases, so that for some time to come they were powerless to help fresh ones. The Committee would at once see what chance existed for the applicant before them, and if in the opinion of a majority *no chance* existed for the proposed applicant, they should possess the right of veto. With this restriction in force, the absurdity of having a list of seventy-three boys to fill sixteen vacancies would not be seen. Wondering how long it will be, at the present rate of progress, before we see *one hundred* candidates for *ten* places, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

Representative of the Committee of Petitions for Devon for all Masonic London Charities.

107 Devonshire-road, Holloway, N.

THE UN-MASONIC TRIAL.

BRO. VOIGT *versus* BROS. CARR, LAKING, AND TREVOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Kendal, 28th Sept. 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In replying to Bro. Voigt's letter in your last, I will endeavour to make my remarks both concise, clear, and conclusive.

In the first place, I never knew till I read it in what I will call "Bro. Voigt's First Epistle to the Freemasons," that he had obtained the "express permission of the Provincial Masonic authorities" for the issue of his writ of action against Bros. Carr, Laking and myself; and I should have been more astonished than I am at this statement had I not a suspicion that neither Lord Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, nor his Deputy, Bro. Dr. Bell, will be found to be included amongst the "Provincial Masonic authorities" to whom Bro. Voigt so obscurely refers.

Secondly, I have to say that Bro. Voigt's success in his demurrer to our statement of defence was a *partial* and not a *complete* one, as he appears to me to insinuate, and that he did *not* at any time *abandon* the action, as he apparently wishes your readers to infer. If it was ever "abandoned" by him, how came it to remain on the Record of the Court in which he had entered it? No. Like a would-be magician, who, whilst he is addressing his audience is at the same time deceiving them, Bro. Voigt endeavours, in my estimation, to throw dust in the eyes of the Craft, by a *suppressio veri*, which naturally carries with it a *suggestio falsi*. My version, however, of the truth of the matter is as follows. After his *partial* success in the Queen's Bench, and after his appeal to his Provincial Grand Master, Lord Zetland (which had been there *forced* on him, so to speak, by Mr. Justice Field) had been decided *against* him, Bro. Voigt thought fit, for reasons best known to himself, to hold his hand. This was in 1877, whilst I was in India, but towards the end of 1878 I was made aware that the action had not been withdrawn, and that Bro. Voigt could proceed with it at any moment. I was also called upon for the payment of expenses in connection with my defence to this action, which amounted to about £80. After I had *settled* these, at the end of 1879, I naturally looked for their repayment to the author of the action which had entailed them upon me, and I then called on Bro. Voigt to pay my costs, or try the action he had

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commenced, and obliged me to defend, as I hoped to get the verdict. The "responsibility" of the action thus lies, I maintain, solely with Bro. Voigt, and not with me and my co-defendants, who also pressed him to proceed with it. Acting on the advice of his solicitors, as it appears from their letter to him, dated 23rd January last, he elected to proceed with the action, rather than re-imburse to us the costs he had wantonly imposed upon us, in the full hope, I imagine, that, "instead of obtaining the costs, which we impudently demanded, we should have to pay him both *damages and costs*." What has been the result? The jury, in defiance of the Judge's summing up, awarded him *damages* assessed at *one farthing*, but the Judge has refused to grant him the costs he coveted and asked for.

As to Bro. Voigt's expectation that the "Masonic authorities" intend bringing us "face to face," I can only say, with regret, that the communications I have had with them in reference to this matter do not lead me to confirm that expectation, though I much wish they had interfered between us, as they ought to have done, in my humble opinion, long since. They cannot, at any rate, plead ignorance of the proceedings which have taken place, for Bro. Voigt asserts that some "authority" sanctioned, as I understand him, the issue of the writ; and, if I mistake not, the fact of the commencement of the action was duly reported by the Secretary of the Alexandra Lodge; whilst I have on several occasions communicated on this subject with various "Masonic authorities."

In conclusion, let me urge Bro. Voigt to instruct his lawyers to submit his demands against me with as little further delay as possible, for taxation; assuring him that whenever he publishes his appeal to his "brother Masons" for help to meet his losses in this action I shall make no attempt to dissuade them from doing so, not even "after the public inquiry shall have been held," to which he so mysteriously alludes as pending. And I beg leave to notify that I am preparing a history, from my point of view, of all the circumstances which led, and have reference to, this "un-Masonic Trial," in which will be included the *whole* story of the "Three Black Balls," and a *verbatim* report of the Judge's summing up. Then, if after reading this, my "brethren" listen to the voice of the charmer, Bro. Voigt, and refuse to extend to me the aid to which I consider myself entitled, in *simple justice*, to receive from them, I must look for assistance from those who, though they are not related to me by any "mystic ties," may be disposed to act towards me as friends in *deed*, instead of only playing the part of brothers only in *word*; and, with this announcement, I desire to withdraw for the present from further correspondence on this matter.

Thanking you for the space you have allotted to me in your columns, and apologising for the unavoidable length of this letter,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M., &c.

[We have taken upon ourselves to withhold a part of this letter, as being unnecessary for the statements intended for publication.—ED. F.C.]

UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You deserve the hearty thanks of the Craft for the exposure of what must be regarded as little less than a deliberate attempt to misappropriate the Charity Funds which are so liberally supplied by the members of our Order. I regret to say that such attempts are not unfrequent, and are too often successful. Your fearless article cannot fail to be of great benefit, and will, I trust, lead to greater care being exercised in the selection of candidates. Unhappily there are amongst us brethren who seem to think the Charity Funds fair game, and a convenient means of ridding themselves of family claims. This is not as it ought to be, and I deem it very unfair for well-to-do relatives to endeavour to foist their dependents upon our Charities, as is sometimes the case. The case you have instanced is most flagrant.

Yours fraternally,

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

(Continued from page 181.)

The next record of any moment will be found recorded under date 8th January 1867, when Bro. Parsons was unanimously elected W.M. for the year, and his installation took place at the following meeting, the usual Past Master's jewel being voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Dobree. The accounts were not unsatisfactory, there being a difference amounting to a few shillings only between the two sides of the account. In October, the death of a member of the Lodge is recorded, a note being added to the effect that his dues unpaid amounted to eight guineas. On 12th Nov., Bro. James Linsdell was initiated into the first degree of Freemasonry, his passing and raising to the second and third degrees respectively following in due course. In 1868 Bro. Parsons was succeeded in the Mastership by Bro. Shrubb, Bros. Rowbotham and Smithies being the Senior and Junior Wardens, and Bros. Greenwood, Drysdale, and Speight retaining their respective offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler. Unfortunately the report of the Auditors was to the effect that a sum of £15 8s 1d was due to the Treasurer. In April 1868 Bro. Alfred Best sent in his resignation, though, as will be noted hereafter and with much satisfaction, he has since resumed his membership. The resignation of five other members is recorded about this time, so that the Lodge was again somewhat reduced in point of numbers, and it is not till January 1869 that any minutes worth noting are recorded, and these merely relate to the election as W.M. of Bro. Rowbotham and the presentation to Bro. Parsons, who would seem to have been unable to attend during the greater part of the year, of the Past Masters' jewel voted to him in the February preceding. On this occasion, however, a well-deserved compliment was paid to Bro. D. Drysdale P.M. and Secretary, a resolution being unanimously passed to the effect "that the best thanks of this Lodge are due and hereby given to the W. Bro. D. Drysdale P.M. for his valuable advice and assistance rendered to many successive W.M.'s, thereby contributing materially to the welfare and good report of the St. Michael's Lodge." It is noteworthy that the customary P.M.'s jewel was not voted to Bro. Shrubb, the retiring Master, while the Auditors' Report, though still unfavourable to the Lodge, showed a diminution in the amount due to the Treasurer from £15 8s 1d to £7 16s 1d. In April 1869 the sum of two guineas was voted towards the Zetland Commemoration Fund. In January 1870 Bro. Rowbotham was re-elected W.M., and after his installation he appointed Bros. Lavers and Wilden to occupy the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs respectively. The Audit Committee's Report was yet again unsatisfactory, and unfortunately the Lodge's indebtedness to the Treasurer was in excess of £13. In 1871, Bro. Rowbotham was succeeded in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Lavers, and a Past Master's jewel unanimously voted to him in recognition of his valuable services as Master of the Lodge during the two preceding years. The only intermediate event of any consequence being the initiation of Bro. T. T. Pyecroft on the 10th January 1871. The Report of the Auditors was this year unfavourable to the extent of £9 14s 4d. During Bro. Lavers's year of office he had the satisfaction of initiating several gentlemen into Freemasonry. He seems, also, to have taken a practical interest in the welfare of the Lodge by presenting a handsome set of working jewels, for, in the minutes of 18th April this year, it is recorded as follows:—"It was proposed by the W. Bro. Drysdale P.M., seconded by Bro. Wilden S.W., and unanimously resolved, that a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to our W.M. for the very handsome present of working tools to the Lodge." In December was initiated Brother Alfred Green, and he subsequently received the second and third degrees, namely, the former on 9th January, and the latter on 13th February 1872. In 1872, Bro. Wilden was honoured by the members, who elected him to the chair of the Lodge in succession to Bro. Lavers, while the latter brother's services were recognised in the customary manner by the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited and presented for approval after Bro. Wilden had been installed, showed a balance against the Lodge of £3 16s 6d. In March of this year Bro. F. Carter was initiated, and it is subsequently minuted that the Visiting fee was raised to twenty shillings. The names of Bros. Rowbotham and Hart were transferred from the town to the country list of members. A passage in the minutes for 9th Dec. of this year shows that care was taken not to hurry forward candidates for initiation. Mr. Benedict Goodman's election was deferred until next meeting in consequence of his proposer, Bro. Guttman, being absent." On 14th Jan 1873, "Bro. Jas. A. Withers was initiated, and subsequently Bro. Dawson was elected W.M. On 11th Feb. the latter was installed, and entered on his year of office with a balance to the credit of the Lodge amounting to £8 8s 2d. On the 11th March Bro. A. Carter was raised to the degree of M.M., Bro. Withers passed, and Bro. Hewett balloted for as a joining member. On 8th April Bro. Withers was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. In January 1874, Bro. Linsdell was elected, and in February following was installed, W.M., the Lodge's financial condition being again unsatisfactory, as shown by the Auditor's report. In March there were three candidates for initiation; balloted for and elected, but of these one was not in attendance until the month of October, when he was received into the mysteries of the first degree; a second, who was also not in attendance, was initiated in another Lodge; while the third, Bro. Alfred Withers, received the benefits of acceptance into our Fraternity, and was passed on 10th March, and raised 13th of October. Bro. S. P. Carter was elected and installed W.M. for the year 1875, and it was during his year of office that Bro. Radcliffe, the present W.M. of the Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the first degree being conferred upon him on the 9th March, the second on the 13th April, and the third on the 12th of October. On the 14th December Bro. John Waters, the present S.W. was balloted for and respectively initiated, passed, and raised on 14th of January, 8th February, and 14th March 1876. On the first-named day, Bro. Pyecroft was elected, and on the second installed as W.M. of the Lodge. On 10th October following, Bro. Usher Back, the present Junior Warden was initiated; on the 14th November he was passed, and on the 12th December raised to the degree of M.M. On the above-named day in November, Bro. W. E. Young, now Senior Deacon, was balloted for and initiated, being passed in December, and raised on 9th January 1877. Another of the present members, namely, Bro. Hentsch, was also initiated about this time, namely, on 12th December 1876, being passed on 9th January 1877, and raised 13th February following. In January, Bro. A. Green was elected W.M. He was installed as usual, and, though it is not so stated, we presume his immediate predecessor received the usual recognition of his services. In October of this year certain changes in the wording of the Bye-laws were proposed, and at the next meeting were agreed to. On 13th Nov. 1877, Bro. H. Green jun. was balloted for and initiated, and Bro. A. Best elected as a rejoining member. On 8th January 1878, Bro. A. Green was unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bros. A. Withers and Radcliffe being subsequently appointed his Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The annual subscription at this time was, on motion duly made and carried, increased from four to five guineas. It should be noted, however, that this motion for the increase was not at once accepted, and the minute recording it, though occurring in the month of January, was

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Lodge, that such would be the object of its existence; he trusted that they would be enabled to propagate and extend those ancient lessons that Freemasonry set them, and try, as far as in them lay, to carry out those lessons in their Lodge, and, as far as possible, in their daily life. He exhorted them, above all things, not to be too anxious to enlist new candidates for Masonry. Be cautious, and be satisfied that he whom they are about to recommend and ballot for would be one who would be likely to, and who they believe would, form a true and worthy member of their new Lodge. This was a lesson which could not be too strongly inculcated on Freemasons, particularly in the present day, because, as their Order extended so immensely throughout the country, no doubt there was a tendency to admit those within their pale who probably, if their Order were less extended, they would not so much desire to receive. The Rev. A. A. Headley, one of the P.G. Chaplains, in obedience to the call of the P.G.M., offered a suitable prayer, after which the 133rd Psalm—"How sweet, how heavenly is the sight" (Bedford) was sung, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Arthur James Firth, R.A.M., who presided at the harmonium. The brethren of the new Lodge having been arranged in order, the acting Secretary (Bro. Dampier Child) read the petition to Grand Lodge for the new Lodge and the warrant under the seal of the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) granting the prayer thereof, appointing Bros. Richard Loveland Loveland, barrister-at-law, of the Western Circuit, W.M., Latimer Henry Saunders S.W. and John Bunt jun. J.W. An oration on Masonry was delivered by the Rev. A. G. Barker, of Sherfield, Basingstoke, P.G. Chaplain. The rev. gentleman said he felt deeply gratified at being present to lead the more sacred portions of that splendid ritual which was the embodiment of an allegory on which their system was based, and in which were veiled those precious secrets of eternity which related to "the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The nature of his first duty as Chaplain was one of hopeful augury for the future of their Society. Every fresh pillar, founded by the zeal and courage of their brethren, added to the stability of the edifice, and he could not but feel that they, Masons of Hampshire, had gained much in having so flourishing a branch added to their Province, whose example would stimulate them to fresh efforts. Although it was not necessary for him to dwell long upon the advantages of enrolling themselves in this their guild of Masons, whose object was to build up the true, the manly, the gentle things of this world, and to hew down and destroy all built upon a foundation of insincerity, immorality, and cruelty, yet, in obedience to the P.G.M., he would touch briefly upon what he might call the four corner-stones of this their temple—its antiquity, its subservience to the decrees of the Great Architect, its brotherhood, and its charity. As to its antiquity, there were those who told them that if a thing was good in itself it was no matter whether it was a mushroom growth of to-day or had been handed down through long years, out of the dim distance, by their forefathers. But he, for one, held that this was not true. He joined in no outcry against the colours of the regiments, because here and there one hero died to save them to his country. No, he held that bravery and chivalry which rallied round the flag of old England was a heritage bequeathed by their fathers and embodied in their ensigns. And so the Masons valued their Craft and their degrees the more that they were used, sanctioned, and purified by a St. Alban, an Austin (more familiar to them as St. Augustine), and an Alfred. They looked at the time-honoured piles of Canterbury, Winchester, and Westminster, and, weather-stained though they might be, they felt that the most gorgeous edifice of to-day would be a lifeless and loveless pile in their stead. There were those (happily few Englishmen) who would draw from underneath the fabric their fathers had built the chief corner-stone, viz., subservience to the decrees of the Great Architect. If they succeeded, how maimed and one-sided a temple would theirs be! Builders without a plan, a rule or square, hurrying with confused materials to attempt the erection of another Babel, ending only in confusion. But, under the guidance of the Grand Master Builder, order reigned,

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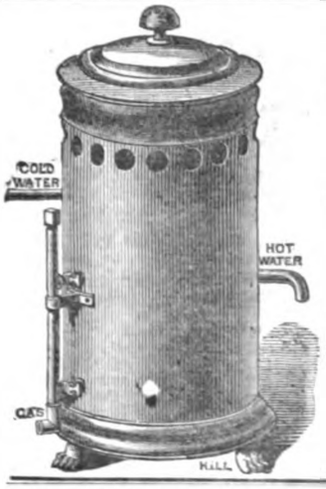
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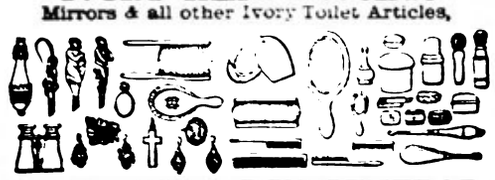
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of October 1880, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following notices of motion:—

By Bro. F. W. Ramsay, M.D.—

"ALTERATION OF RULES XXXVI. AND XLVII.

1. "That the members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for three years, and that one-third of the number retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election."

"ALTERATION OF BYE-LAW LXI.

2. "That every Candidate for admission to the School shall, previously to nomination, present a certificate that he can read, write, and work the first four Rules of Arithmetic, signed by a Clergyman in Orders, or a Certificated Schoolmaster."

By Bro. H. C. Levander:—

"That for the convenience of Brethren, especially those from the Provinces, attending the Elections of candidates for the two Masonic Educational Institutions, the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys be held on the Second Saturday in January, April, July and October, instead of the following Monday as at present, and that Law XXIX. be altered accordingly."

To elect Sixteen Boys from an approved list of seventy-three candidates, as by the Voting Papers reduced to seventy-one, by the withdrawal of No. 23, Robert Leigh Ibbs, and No. 34, George Arthur Thomas.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The ballot for the Election of Boys will open at one o'clock (or earlier, should the general business of the Court be concluded before that time), and will close at three o'clock

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES, V. Pres., (P.G. Std.), Secretary.

London, 2nd October 1880.

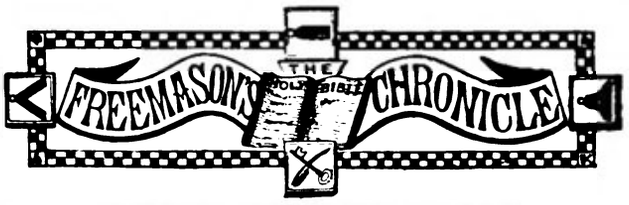
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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT SANDOWN.

THE Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), assisted by the Worthy D.P.G.M. (Bro. Hickman) and other Provincial Officers, paid a visit on Wednesday, 22nd ult., to the rising town of Sandown, Isle of Wight, for the purpose of consecrating the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, to be held at the Royal Pier Hotel, which, having a splendid sea view, is well patronised by visitors. There was a large muster of brethren to witness the inauguration of a Lodge which has a promising future before it, and the only drawback in connection with the proceedings was the overcrowding of the room in the hotel in which the ceremony was performed. The Lodge was opened at two p.m., with the P.G.M. in the chair, and Bro. Capt. T. H. Martin, R.N., Prov. G.S. Warden, and Bro. H. F. Brouncker Prov. G.J. Warden, in the Wardens' chairs. After the Lodge had been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master, addressing the brethren, said they were met there that day on a very interesting and important occasion, to constitute a new Lodge in Freemasonry. It was an important event, and one that would exercise no slight influence on the future of Freemasonry in the district in which it was to be established. When they were constituting a Lodge it behoved them to look around, and consider what it was they were about to do. They were about to constitute a Lodge in order to propagate those principles of Freemasonry which had been handed down from their forefathers, and which they desired leave and scope to extend. They desired to conduct those ceremonies which had been practised for so many years by those who had gone before them, and to do this in a manner that would reflect credit upon the Lodge and impress the mind of the neophyte with a due appreciation of, and reverence for, the ceremony in which he had been engaged. He would not detain them with a lengthened exposition of the history of their Order, or the great work which it had conducted through many generations. He would only say that to dive into Masonic lore would carry them into remote ages, and even then, after infinite study, they would be

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unable to find the true roots of their Order, because its origin was lost in the obscurity of old history. But this study was by no means devoid of interest or importance to a Freemason, and therefore it was for every true Mason a noble and engaging pursuit to try and trace out some of those old histories, stories, and legends which have been handed down from remote times, and to see how they had borne fruit in the history of the world at that time and since. Their Order had existed from most remote antiquity to modern times, and during that period it had placed before the world many noble buildings, which presented, even in this age, notable proofs of the skilful works of their forefathers. But those old times had passed away, and nothing was left them but those noble relics, except the principles which had been handed down to them, and which they desired to bequeath to their successors untarnished. They desired to reverence the work in which they were engaged, and to do their best in order that the principles which they had left to them should suffer no discredit at their hands. Operative Freemasonry had given way to a great extent to speculative Freemasonry. But in speculative Freemasonry there was ample food for reflection for any one who was worthy of becoming a true Freemason, because in this he might find the most noble principles—those which were worthy of being adopted and acted up to in the life of every true Freemason. Let them consider for a moment those noble principles which were so well expounded in their ancient ceremonies. Every one who acted upon them could not fail to be a better man in his daily life, because they comprised, next to the Christian religion, some of the most noble principles which were given to men. They had reference to the Great Author of their being; they had their daily walk in life and the duties of their position placed before them, and they had also that which was the pride and the glory of their Order, namely, brotherly love. If, therefore, a man acted in a spirit of reverence for and obedience to the Divine Architect of the Universe, and if he lived on good terms and in good fellowship with, and had love for, his brother man, he would, at all events, be performing in his generation some of those lessons which were inculcated as necessary and essential in a good Mason. He hoped, as regarded the new Lodge, that such would be the object of its existence; he trusted that they would be enabled to propagate and extend those ancient lessons that Freemasonry set them, and try, as far as in them lay, to carry out those lessons in their Lodge, and, as far as possible, in their daily life. He exhorted them, above all things, not to be too anxious to enlist new candidates for Masonry. Be cautious, and be satisfied that he whom they are about to recommend and ballot for would be one who would be likely to, and who they believe would, form a true and worthy member of their new Lodge. This was a lesson which could not be too strongly inculcated on Freemasons, particularly in the present day, because, as their Order extended so immensely throughout the country, no doubt there was a tendency to admit those within their pale who probably, if their Order were less extended, they would not so much desire to receive. The Rev. A. A. Headley, one of the P.G. Chaplains, in obedience to the call of the P.G.M., offered a suitable prayer, after which the 133rd Psalm—"How sweet, how heavenly is the sight" (Bedford) was sung, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Arthur James Firth, R.A.M., who presided at the harmonium. The brethren of the new Lodge having been arranged in order, the acting Secretary (Bro. Dampier Child) read the petition to Grand Lodge for the new Lodge and the warrant under the seal of the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) granting the prayer thereof, appointing Bros. Richard Loveland Loveland, barrister-at-law, of the Western Circuit, W.M., Latimer Henry Saunders S.W. and John Bunt jun. J.W. An oration on Masonry was delivered by the Rev. A. G. Barker, of Sherfield, Basingstoke, P.G. Chaplain. The rev. gentleman said he felt deeply gratified at being present to lead the more sacred portions of that splendid ritual which was the embodiment of an allegory on which their system was based, and in which were veiled those precious secrets of eternity which related to "the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The nature of his first duty as Chaplain was one of hopeful augury for the future of their Society. Every fresh pillar, founded by the zeal and courage of their brethren, added to the stability of the edifice, and he could not but feel that they, Masons of Hampshire, had gained much in having so flourishing a branch added to their Province, whose example would stimulate them to fresh efforts. Although it was not necessary for him to dwell long upon the advantages of enrolling themselves in this their guild of Masons, whose object was to build up the true, the manly, the gentle things of this world, and to hew down and destroy all built upon a foundation of insincerity, immorality, and cruelty, yet, in obedience to the P.C.M., he would touch briefly upon what he might call the four corner-stones of this their temple—its antiquity, its subservience to the decrees of the Great Architect, its brotherhood, and its charity. As to its antiquity, there were those who told them that if a thing was good in itself it was no matter whether it was a mushroom growth of to-day or had been handed down through long years, out of the dim distance, by their forefathers. But he, for one, held that this was not true. He joined in no outcry against the colours of the regiments, because here and there one hero died to save them to his country. No, he held that bravery and chivalry which rallied round the flag of old England was a heritage bequeathed by their fathers and embodied in their ensigns. And so the Masons valued their Craft and their degrees the more that they were used, sanctioned, and purified by a St. Alban, an Austin (more familiar to them as St. Augustine), and an Alfred. They looked at the time-honoured piles of Canterbury, Winchester, and Westminster, and, weather-stained though they might be, they felt that the most gorgeous edifice of to-day would be a lifeless and loveless pile in their stead. There were those (happily few Englishmen) who would draw from underneath the fabric their fathers had built the chief corner-stone, viz., subservience to the decrees of the Great Architect. If they succeeded, how maimed and one-sided a temple would theirs be! Builders without a plan, a rule or square, hurrying with confused materials to attempt the erection of another Babel, ending only in confusion. But, under the guidance of the Grand Master Builder, order reigned, and each man brought something needful to the building of this temple, so that it went forward in height and beauty, one stone laid upon another. Over this habitation should be the motto, "brotherly love." In these days, when they saw around them a growing inclination to set class against class, to make the interests of the poor opposed to, instead of identical with, the interests of the rich, they should welcome any organisation which placed men of all ranks, professions, and creeds shoulder to shoulder in a mighty phalanx, to repel the advance of the common enemies—sloth, ignorance, and crime. But oftentimes the world, like the Samaritans of old when the temple of Ezra was building, was too strong for those of their brethren, who in sickness, old age, or death came to rest on their fourth corner-stone of charity. Here, too, their forefathers had set them an example. Schools had been established, charitable buildings for the children of Masons had been built and kept going. But there was much still to be done. The widows and orphans of their poorer brethren looked to them for help, and they must not be grudging in granting it, trusting that so they might fulfil the command of the prophet who was sent to rebuke the negligent builders of old—"Go up to the mountain and buy wood and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord." The dedication prayer was offered with marked impressiveness by the Rev. A. A. Headley, and the Rev. A. G. Barker read a portion of Scripture, after which the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the hymn, "Great Source of Light and Love" being sung. The D.P.G.M. presented the W.M. of the new Lodge to the P.G.M., who congratulated the members upon the selection they had made, because he knew that Bro. Loveland's work as a Freemason had been very active, and his skill and ability to enable him to carry out the work were well known. The new W.M. took the chair amid the applause of the brethren, and the P.G.M. invested the Officers as follows:—Bros. Dampier Child Secretary, Francis Newman S.D., Withers J.D., Nicholl Director of Ceremonies, Firth Organist, Porter I.G., Redbridge Steward, Garland Treasurer, Willis Tyler. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. (Bro. Loveland) said there was one thing to record on their minutes, and that was a resolution conveying the hearty thanks of the new Lodge to the R.W. P.G.M. for having come over there on purpose to consecrate the new Lodge and to instal him as their first Master. Nothing could have given him (the W.M.) personally greater pleasure than to be so fortunate as to hit upon a day on which the P.G.M. could attend, because he thought that ceremonies of this sort, imposing as they were, lost a great deal of their lustre if their head was obliged to be away. He was sure all most cordially welcomed the P.G.M., and thanked him for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The S.W. seconded the resolution, and it having been carried by acclamation, the P.G.M. in responding said that, from the number of candidates proposed for initiation and joining, no doubt need be entertained that there would be plenty of members to support the Lodge. He only trusted that they would be enabled, under the rule of Bro. Loveland, to carry out the duties of Freemasonry in a zealous and efficient way. It gave him very great pleasure to be there, and he trusted at some future time, by personal inspection, to learn that they were a thriving and flourishing Lodge, and he wished them prosperity. A number of the brethren afterwards dined together.—*Portsmouth Times.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Mark Master the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the United Province of Cheshire and North Wales was held on Monday, 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Altrincham. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the warrant of the Stamford Lodge, No. 148, of which Bro. Dr. W. Agar Renshaw is the W.M. The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Jos. Salmon (acting as) V.W. D.P.G.M., W. D. Banks P.G.S.W., E. Friend P.G.J.W., Thomas C. Thorborn P.G.M.O., Thos. H. Kirk P.G.J.O., Rev. C. W. Newall Tanner P.G. Chap., Fred. K. Stevenson P.G. Treasurer, Richard Newhouse P.G. Secretary, Major Tudor P.G.R., Dr. Renshaw P.G.I.W., H. Jones P.G.S.B., Hugh Williams P.G.S.B., C. S. Dean P.G.I.G., George Higgins P.P.S.G.W., A. M'Millan P.G.S., A. Henry Gilbody P.P.G.S.B., C. Davies P.G.S. There was a large and influential attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock. After the roll of Lodges had been called, and letters of apology had been read from absent brethren, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Llandudno, and the minutes of P.G. Lodge, held at Portmadoc, for the consecrating of the new Snowdonian Lodge, were read and confirmed, the other business of the Province was transacted. The R.W. P.G.M.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope V.W. D.P.G.M., Edward Friend P.G.S.W., T. C. Thorborn P.G.J.W., Anthony Stevenson P.G.M.O., Samuel Forrest P.G.S.O., W. Agar Renshaw P.G. J.O., Rev. C. W. Newall Tanner P.G. Chaplain, Rev. J. E. Branthwaite P.G. Chaplain, T. K. Stevenson P.G.P., Richard Newhouse P.G. Secretary, Major Tudor P.G.R., A. M'Millan P.G.S.D., George Gordon Watren P.G.J.D., Samuel Thompson P.G.I.W., C. S. Dean P.G.D.C., R. B. Ferguson P.G.A.D.C., J. L. Hazeldine P.G.S.B., C. Forbes Bell P.G.S.B., Thomas H. Kirk P.G.O., William Bennett P.G.I.G., John Worthington P.G. Tyler, and Bros. Evans, Jones, and Inpp Stewards. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Rock Ferry.

It ought to be a warning to Grand Lodges against building expensive halls, that Maryland, Massachusetts, Indiana, Louisiana, and New York, consume so much time and talent at their Annual Communications in providing means for paying arrearages on buildings only wanted one week in a year at best, and a constant source of anxiety and expense.—*Rob Morris.*

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. He could assure him that his of the way in which he would be ked that they would rally round d him (Bro. Sanders). He had d remember it with gratitude to hat they would treat Bro. Atkins welve months. A year ago he (Bro. n himself an enormous responsi- he should be equal to it. To-day ten a good dinner, which was not congratulated several times on h smiles. This was because he vessel, which had not been in ters; and now Bro. Atkins had nturing out of port—well, he did take credit for it—while he (Bro. d the eastern corner, and watch- l in every respect. He could not his brother who was just setting lings of Bro. Atkins must be, and e of the brethren, that he had They knew what his seaman- ey would all stand round an of all, there was no doubt a e, and that the next 29th of into harbour to be re-ported. occasions in the lives of most of able to express the thoughts that nfessed that that was his present toast, which had met with such a s by the I.P.M. He felt that he said of him, and he was afraid he ndard of his predecessors. It was rtaken, and he should have hesi- re he should have the hearty co- thren during his year of office. desire to promote the interests the Eleanor Cross Lodge in parti- , as one of the founders, to note de in two years. At the Conse- urteen members, but since then joining and initiated members to ll for its position; not that he ccess—in some cases it was quite worthy to be entrusted with the Lodge it represented the addi- the Lodge—those of rank and e forward and contribute to the ked the brethren for the way in nd said he should endeavour to essors. No effort should be want- ollice a successful one, and he e gavel to his successor, it would imself that he had done his duty. Lodge. Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley ing Master Bro. Rev. S. J. W. old man who, when he conferred is wishing to express his grati- ." It seemed to him that that eprinte in the case of the gen- ose—one whom they must call with a want of respect to the ley) could not help feeling that nly generous man in the way Bro. Atkins), and believed that, a high privilege to be the W.M., handing over the gavel to Bro.

With regard to the I.P.M., he y of examining the jewel pre- foolish Freemasons, if he might call them so, tionsly that there was a Grand Lodge on Mou was Grand Master of a Lodge, even if Adam in the garden of Eden. There were certain that Freemasonry flourished at an early age in when a Lord Mayor of London addressed a co asked, What Tyler? Some argued that Sha because from the beginning to the end of his w about Freemasonry, and, therefore, he must ha the secret. Setting all this aside, he (Bro. S all believed in the substantial antiquity of w mighty institution, and that it was not withc that one was called to occupy the chair of K desire at the same time to do nothing unworthy concluded by again thanking them for the c they had placed upon his mistakes, and the v over his faults, while, at the same time, they poor merits as he had for special mention, b always endeavoured to do his duty, and he trus without advantage to the Eleanor Cross Lodge Parker proposed "The Masonic Charities," he c not the, most important toast of the evening. H for the Master having deputed to him the hon because he claimed to be second to none in Charities, or for the brother they had among intimately connected with the Benevolent Insti but rejoice at the way in which the whole of tha had been conducted, especially as, to his mind, their gatherings was charity. If they were no society they could at least boast of being charital who, he said, was intimately connected with th one of the best—of our Institutions, he would lea he now simply called upon the brethren to hono Charities, and to couple with that toast the na In his reply Bro. Terry expressed the great pleasu to respond to the toast of the Masonic Institutio of the Eleanor Cross Lodge. He had not had the ing any of its meetings since the day of its consec gratified to see the progress it had made. He th the older Lodges of the Province would have laurels or they would be outstripped by the ha Province. Brother Terry proceeded to give details of the Girls' and Boys' Schools. to the consideration of the Benevolent could not speak of such things as they prided the case of the Boys and Girls. There they had no r examinations to point to as a result of what was b felt sure that the details they could give left them, exceptions, only too pleased to know that there wa tion in existence. He was gratified to see how wel were supported in the Province of North and would remind the brethren that to keep up the stat tinued efforts were needed. He asked the brethren future, as they had in the past, their personal votes the name of the Lodges, thereby securing a perm Elections. He thought it was at the suggestion o friend the late Bro. Cox that this course had be adopted in the Province, and that it had materia curing the position the district then occupied in honed that Bro. Stanton (who had undertaken a Sc next Festival of the Benevolent Institution) might i in February next, such an amount as would not only credit, as well as to the Lodge of which he is a m Province at large. The next toast—that of the V was very pleased and proud to propose. He consi greatest pleasures he could enjoy to visit a Lodge f in London, the guests that evening were in a positio fair opinion. Bro. Welch expressed his thanks to th was extremely gratified to see his old friend Bro. A

ceedings terminated. We think we cannot do better than close this notice with the words that Bro. Atkins the W.M. selected to place at the end of the toast list:—

"Dear brethren of the mystic tie, the night is waning fast,
Our duty's done, our feast is o'er, these words must be our last;
Good night, good night; once more, once more, repeat the farewell strain,
Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the vacation was held on the 4th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. H. Hymans W.M., R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Benjamin S.D., Bean I.G., Davis D.C., R. Dodson P.M. W.S., Botibol Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. Dodson, S. Hickman, L. Lazarus, and O. Roberts. Visitors—Bros. W. Clarke Asst. G. Purs., D. A. Davis W.M. 1258 1798, Asher J. Myers 185, S. Marks late 188, G. B. Fletcher 180, A. W. Staden 180, L. A. Lazarus 1017, Dr. Sigismund 1017, W. G. Jennings. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Howard was passed to the second degree. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late respected Bro. J. E. Walters. A petition was signed to enable her to take steps to get her daughter into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in, and letters of apology were read from Bros. Baum and Blanks. Lodge was then closed and the brethren, who mustered to the number of fifty-seven, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem followed, Miss Pattie Laverne singing the solo verses. After H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales had been fully honoured, the W.M. proposed the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. We have in one of our Officers a Past Grand Pursuivant, who in the absence of any other Grand Officer always returns thanks for this important toast, but to-night we are honoured with the presence of a Present Grand Officer, Bro. Clarke, Asst. Grand Pursuivant; all are proud to see him, not only in this Lodge, but also in the Grand Lodge where he performs his duties so efficiently. This toast was eloquently responded to by Bro. Clark. "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund" was next proposed by the W.M., who coupled with the toast the name of Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and President. This brother having acknowledged the compliment paid him, proposed the health of the W.M. The brethren had witnessed the manner in which Bro. Hymans had performed the ceremony that evening; at all times his genial presidency, his thorough knowledge of the duties of the chair, showed the brethren they had a Master whom they might be proud of. With these few remarks he hoped they would give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M. in reply said he was gratified for the kind way in which his name was at all times mentioned, and during the few months he yet hoped to occupy the chair, he trusted he might be received with the same feelings. The toast of the Visitors was next brought under the notice of the brethren. They had been honoured by the presence of a Grand Officer; they had also with them Bro. Davis, who had ably officiated in the J.W.'s chair. There was always a hearty welcome for visitors in this hospitable Lodge. Bro. Sigismund, although but young in Freemasonry, takes a deep interest in it. He (the W.M.) would be pleased to hear a few words from him. Bro. Sigismund said he felt proud to be called on to return thanks once more, and to-night he would take the text for his remarks from Bro. Clarke. As regards Charity, he hoped to follow out in every detail the beautiful tenets taught. Bro. Davis followed; he was pleased to see how ably the working and hospitality of the Lodge

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source of pleasure to do everything he possibly could, so far as lay in his power, for the welfare of the Province. His was not altogether a bed of roses, for he was not only called upon to rejoice with those who were in prosperity, but sometimes to lament over and to offer the best advice to those who were in difficulty and trouble. But he thought he might say that on the present occasion his lot had fallen with the former. The unanimity of the brethren showed him that, though the Eleanor Cross Lodge was only started two years ago, it had been carried on successfully by the two Masters who had held office, and he thought he might say its success in the future was ensured. He would, in conclusion, congratulate the Worshipful Master who had been installed that day, at the commencement of the third year of the existence of the Lodge, upon having had two such predecessors, and if he only followed their example, he (Bro. Wilkins) was sure he would be able to carry out the duties of the office, not only with credit to himself, but also for the welfare of the Lodge over which he presided. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders then proposed "The health of the Worshipful Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge." It was a case of "The King is dead; long live the King," with this difference—that the king who was dead came to life again, to say so. In an Institution like Freemasonry the king never dies, for no sooner does the Master get round to the East than, unlike the sun, and contrary to all the laws of natural philosophy, he departs round the eastern corner to reappear at the banquet, which is the fourth degree, or future state. One great advantage of Freemasonry was this—that the king never dies; he only appears to die, and the brethren had only to take care that their choice was wise and judiciously made—he did not say that they had not chosen wisely and judiciously that night—and they would be perfectly satisfied. He remembered how nervous he was when he got into the chair, and he could scarcely say a single word; but out came Bro. Atkins, with all the addresses, in the most marvellous manner, and he (Bro. Sanders) could not help thinking how promising it looked for the working next year. He could assure him that his reception that day was only the type of the way in which he would be received in the coming year. He asked that they would rally round Bro. Atkins as they had rallied round him (Bro. Sanders). He had been treated most kindly, and should remember it with gratitude to the end of his days. He felt sure that they would treat Bro. Atkins in the same manner during the next twelve months. A year ago he (Bro. Sanders) felt that he had taken upon himself an enormous responsibility, and he was not sure whether he should be equal to it. To-day he felt very differently. He had eaten a good dinner, which was not the case last year, and he had been congratulated several times on having a countenance beaming with smiles. This was because he had given up the Mastership of the vessel, which had not been in peril, but had glided over smooth waters; and now Bro. Atkins had taken the command, and was just venturing out of port—well, he did not intend to make a pun, but would take credit for it—while he (Bro. Sanders) was on the shore, just round the eastern corner, and watching the vessel, which was well found in every respect. He could not but have a feeling of sympathy with his brother who was just setting out. He knew so well what the feelings of Bro. Atkins must be, and begged to assure him, in the name of the brethren, that he had nothing to fear from the voyage. They knew what his seamanship was likely to be, and if they would all stand round an able captain, with the obedience of all, there was no doubt a successful voyage would be made, and that the next 29th of September the vessel would come into harbour to be re-ported. The W.M., in reply, said there were occasions in the lives of most of us when we felt ourselves utterly unable to express the thoughts that arose within us, and he candidly confessed that that was his present position. He thanked them for the toast, which had met with such a hearty reception, proposed as it was by the I.P.M. He felt that he did not deserve all the good things said of him, and he was afraid he should fall very short of the high standard of his predecessors. It was not an easy task that he had undertaken, and he should have hesitated had it not been that he felt sure he should have the hearty co-operation of the Officers and the brethren during his year of office. He entered upon it with the utmost desire to promote the interests of Masonry in general, and those of the Eleanor Cross Lodge in particular. It was a satisfaction to him, as one of the founders, to note the rapid strides the Lodge had made in two years. At the Consecration ceremony there were only fourteen members, but since then the number had been increased by joining and initiated members to upwards of forty, which spoke well for its position; not that he thought numbers an indication of success—in some cases it was quite the reverse where persons were not worthy to be entrusted with the secrets of Masonry—but that in this Lodge it represented the addition of those who were an honour to the Lodge—those of rank and position who had been willing to come forward and contribute to the success of the Lodge. He again thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received, and said he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. No effort should be wanting on his part to make his year of office a successful one, and he trusted that when he had to hand the gavel to his successor, it would be with a feeling of satisfaction to himself that he had done his duty, and done it to the advantage of the Lodge. Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley proposed the health of the Installing Master Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders. He said there was a good old man who, when he conferred a kindness said to the recipient, on his wishing to express his gratitude, "Don't mention it; pass it on." It seemed to him that that was a very noble sentiment and appropriate in the case of the gentleman whose health he had to propose—one whom they must call with many regrets (he did not say it with a want of respect to the W.M.)—their I.P.M. He (Bro. Beasley) could not help feeling that the I.P.M. had shown himself a truly generous man in the way in which he spoke of his successor (Bro. Atkins), and believed that, if he (Bro. Sanders) had felt it to be a high privilege to be the W.M., he had felt even greater pleasure in handing over the gavel to Bro. Atkins for the next twelve months. With regard to the I.P.M., he (Bro. Beasley) had had an opportunity of examining the jewel presented to him that night. On it was the word "secundus," which he need hardly say referred to his being the second Mastership, but it might also have been recorded with equal justice that he was second to none, and he felt that that might have been a more suitable inscription. It was an old saying that distance lent enchantment to the view, and such was in reality the case. Still he felt that the brethren who had already occupied the chair of this Lodge would lose none of the lustre with which they were surrounded in the eyes of the brethren, as year by year they passed further from the office they had filled. Bro. Beasley went on to say that the Lodge had a history, and that in the future there would be that which would make them proud, remembering the brethren who had filled the high office of Worshipful Master, and, in concluding, described the picture presented that evening by the three W.M.'s of the Lodge as most pleasing to the Masonic eye. The I.P.M. (Bro. Sanders), on rising to reply, said Bro. Beasley had kept up his reputation for speech-making, only the picture he had presented was too much after the manner of a Claude—it had too much rose colour in it. (A brother: "Yes, Bro. Beasley rose to the occasion." Laughter.) Having recovered from the effects of the pun, Bro. Sanders proceeded to thank the brethren for their kindness and consideration during the past year, and said that this toast was like the last straw, that which breaks the camel's back. He had certainly been taken aback by the magnificent present he received in the Lodge. He made up his mind that if it had been proposed to defray the expense of it out of the Lodge funds he should have a word to say on the subject of its advisability, but when he was told that it was obtained by means of the spontaneous contributions of the members he was completely overcome. He did not feel that he could adequately express his gratitude. He set out last year with high aims, and if he had not succeeded in doing all he wished, he could say that during his year of office brethren had been admitted into their ranks of whom any Lodge might be proud. He was not like some foolish Freemasons, if he might call them so, who believed conscientiously that there was a Grand Lodge on Mount Sinai, and that Noah was Grand Master of a Lodge, even if Adam had not one to himself in the garden of Eden. There were certainly some who believed that Freemasonry flourished at an early age in this country, and that when a Lord Mayor of London addressed a certain rebel, he merely asked, What Tyler? Some argued that Shakespeare was a Mason, because from the beginning to the end of his works there was nothing about Freemasonry, and, therefore, he must have known how to keep the secret. Setting all this aside, he (Bro. Sanders) was sure they all believed in the substantial antiquity of what might be called a mighty institution, and that it was not without a feeling of pride that one was called to occupy the chair of King Solomon, with the desire at the same time to do nothing unworthy of that position. He concluded by again thanking them for the charitable construction they had placed upon his mistakes, and the veil they had thrown over his faults, while, at the same time, they had picked out such poor merits as he had for special mention, believing that he had always endeavoured to do his duty, and he trusted it had not been without advantage to the Eleanor Cross Lodge. Bro. Hamilton W. Parker proposed "The Masonic Charities," he considered this one, if not the, most important toast of the evening. He could only account for the Master having deputed to him the honour of proposing it because he claimed to be second to none in his regard for the Charities, or for the brother they had among them, who was so intimately connected with the Benevolent Institution. He could but rejoice at the way in which the whole of that day's proceedings had been conducted, especially as, to his mind, the greatest aim of their gatherings was charity. If they were not exactly a friendly society they could at least boast of being charitable. To Bro. Terry, who, he said, was intimately connected with the best—or at least one of the best—of our Institutions, he would leave further details; he now simply called upon the brethren to honour the toast of the Charities, and to couple with that toast the name of Bro. Terry. In his reply Bro. Terry expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to respond to the toast of the Masonic Institutions within the walls of the Eleanor Cross Lodge. He had not had the pleasure of attending any of its meetings since the day of its consecration, and was now gratified to see the progress it had made. He thought that some of the older Lodges of the Province would have to look to their laurels or they would be outstripped by the baby Lodge of the Province. Brother Terry proceeded to give most elaborate details of the Girls' and Boys' Schools. When they came to the consideration of the Benevolent Institution, they could not speak of such things as they prided themselves on in the case of the Boys and Girls. There they had no results of scholastic examinations to point to as a result of what was being done, but he felt sure that the details they could give left them, with but very few exceptions, only too pleased to know that there was such an Institution in existence. He was gratified to see how well the Institutions were supported in the Province of Norths and Hunts, but he would remind the brethren that to keep up the state of efficiency continued efforts were needed. He asked the brethren to forego in the future, as they had in the past, their personal votes, and give them in the name of the Lodges, thereby securing a perpetual voice in the Elections. He thought it was at the suggestion of their esteemed friend the late Bro. Cox that this course had been so universally adopted in the Province, and that it had materially conduced to securing the position the district then occupied in the Craft. He hoped that Bro. Stanton (who had undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution) might have to announce, in February next, such an amount as would not only redound to his credit, as well as to the Lodge of which he is a member, but to the Province at large. The next toast—that of the Visitors—the W.M. was very pleased and proud to propose. He considered it one of the greatest pleasures he could enjoy to visit a Lodge of Freemasons, and he hoped the guests that evening were in a position to express a similar opinion. Bro. Welch expressed his thanks to the brethren. He was extremely gratified to see his old friend Bro. Atkins at the head of a Lodge, and specially congratulated him on the character of the

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one in which he had been so honoured; at the same time, with all due deference to the members, he could but congratulate the Lodge on securing such a brother for its ruler. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. followed; he briefly thanked the brethren for the reception they had accorded the Visitors, and specially acknowledged the courtesy shown him personally, not only on this, but on previous visits he had made. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Officers. He was very proud to think that they would heartily co-operate with him in the work of the coming year. While speaking, he would return his special thanks to the committee who had had the arrangement of the day's proceedings, and in doing so he desired especially to thank Bro S. J. Newman, who had provided the toast list for the night. It had been to him a labour of love, but he (the W.M.) could not help thinking that it was a very great kindness on the part of Bro. Newman to thus afford the Lodge the benefit of his artistic skill. We may here mention that the menu and toast list were works of art, and indeed will serve as a lasting memento of a really enjoyable meeting. Each were interspersed with appropriate quotations, selected by the W.M. The Junior Warden and Bro. Newman responded, the latter expressing the gratification he felt that anything he had done had added to the enjoyment of the company. Bro. Brown S.W. in proposing the next toast said he had been asked if it was meant as a compliment to "the Ladies." Although he could hardly describe it as such, it was, he thought a near approach thereto, it being the toast of the Sister Lodges of the Province, and he might also say the mother of the Eleanor Cross, for the greater number of the founders thereof owned the good old Pomfret as their mother. The Eleanor Cross was actuated by but one feeling—that of regard—towards their sisters. He hoped they would always merit the good opinion of the other Lodges of the Province. Bro. Wood W.M. 360 responded: he compared the Pomfret Lodge to an old hen, and said that as long as she could hatch such chickens as the Eleanor Cross he should be proud of his connection with it. To drink the health of the Pomfret members in the Eleanor Cross Lodge really seemed to be drinking one's own health. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings terminated. We think we cannot do better than close this notice with the words that Bro. Atkins the W.M. selected to place at the end of the toast list:—

"Dear brethren of the mystic tie, the night is waning fast,
Our duty's done, our feast is o'er, these words must be our last;
Good night, good night; once more, once more, repeat the farewell strain,
Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the vacation was held on the 4th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. H. Hymans W.M., R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Benjamin S.D., Bean I.G., Davis D.C., R. Dodson P.M. W.S., Botibol Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. Dodson, S. Hickman, L. Lazarus, and O. Roberts. Visitors—Bros. W. Clarke Asst. G. Purs., D. A. Davis W.M. 1258 1798, Asher J. Myers 185, S. Marks late 188, G. B. Fletcher 180, A. W. Staden 180, L. A. Lazarus 1017, Dr. Sigismund 1017, W. G. Jennings. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Howard was passed to the second degree. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late respected Bro. J. E. Walters. A petition was signed to enable her to take steps to get her daughter into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in, and letters of apology were read from Bros. Baum and Blanks. Lodge was then closed and the brethren, who mustered to the number of fifty-seven, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem followed, Miss Pattie Laverne singing the solo verses. After H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales had been fully honoured, the W.M. proposed the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. We have in one of our Officers a Past Grand Pursuivant, who in the absence of any other Grand Officer always returns thanks for this important toast, but to-night we are honoured with the presence of a Present Grand Officer, Bro. Clarke, Asst. Grand Pursuivant; all are proud to see him, not only in this Lodge, but also in the Grand Lodge where he performs his duties so efficiently. This toast was eloquently responded to by Bro. Clark. "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund" was next proposed by the W.M., who coupled with the toast the name of Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and President. This brother having acknowledged the compliment paid him, proposed the health of the W.M. The brethren had witnessed the manner in which Bro. Hymans had performed the ceremony that evening; at all times his genial presidency, his thorough knowledge of the duties of the chair, showed the brethren they had a Master whom they might be proud of. With these few remarks he hoped they would give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M. in reply said he was gratified for the kind way in which his name was at all times mentioned, and during the few months he yet hoped to occupy the chair, he trusted he might be received with the same feelings. The toast of the Visitors was next brought under the notice of the brethren. They had been honoured by the presence of a Grand Officer; they had also with them Bro. Davis, who had ably officiated in the J.W.'s chair. There was always a hearty welcome for visitors in this hospitable Lodge. Bro. Sigismund, although but young in Freemasonry, takes a deep interest in it. He (the W.M.) would be pleased to hear a few words from him. Bro. Sigismund said he felt proud to be called on to return thanks once more, and to-night he would take the text for his remarks from Bro. Clarke. As regards Charity, he hoped to follow out in every detail the beautiful tenets taught. Bro. Davis followed; he was pleased to see how ably the working and hospitality of the Lodge had been carried out. The fame of this Lodge had been spread far and near, and on his return to Manchester he would state that he had had the honour that evening temporarily to fill the Junior Warden's chair. The W.M. then severally proposed the Officers, &c., which having been replied to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. A capital vocal and instrumental concert was provided, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, who had the assistance of Miss Pattie Laverne, Madame Giovana, Mrs. White, Mr. Max Gonzola, and Bro. Frank Elmore.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, when there were present Bros. W. H. Gainforth W.M., A. Buckle I.P.M., J. Todd P.M. and Treasurer, G. Balmford P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., M. Rooke S.W., J. S. Rymer J.W., G. Kirby Secretary, and several other officers and brethren. The only business was a ballot for Bro. the Hon. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, as a joining member, which proved successful. After Lodge the usual toasts were duly honoured, and songs were given by Bros. J. Todd, G. Kirby, J. Stead, and others. It was announced that Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, would attend the next meeting of the Lodge.

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th October, at the Masonic Rooms, Lancaster. Present:—Bros. Geo. Taylor W.M., J. Aldous S.W., J. Vince J.W., H. Longman Secretary, J. Stanley S.D., J. Cutts J.D., R. Stanton as I.G., A. K. Allinson Tyler; Past Masters Bros. N. W. Helme, A. Sherriff, and A. Stanley. Visitors—Bros. G. H. Thallard W.M. 306, and J. Atkinson J.W. 281. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. A ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Cecil Moore, B.M., which proved unanimous, and that gentleman was duly initiated by the W.M., who delivered the charge. The working tools were explained by the J.W. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation, by Bro. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. England, of a portrait of himself, which was received with acclamation. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren present, and the Lodge closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.— At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 5th October, Bro. Brownsom in the chair, Watkins S.W., Smith J.W., Pavitt S.D., Worsley J.D., Peterken I.G., also Bros. P.M. Myers, Johnson, White, &c. Formalities duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson candidate. Bro. Myers worked the first four sections of the lecture. Bro. Watkins was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Brownsom for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony for the first time in any Lodge. Bro. Brownsom thanked the brethren; he hoped soon to be able to do the three ceremonies; the Lodge then closed. The officers appointed for the Fifteen Sections on 26th inst. are P.M. Myers W.M., P.M. Candick S.W., P.M. Andrews J.W., and P.M. Musto I.P.M. This will afford a good opportunity for the East Enders to witness perfect working. The names of those who will take the Sections will be given in our next.

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.—The second regular meeting of the season was held at Bro. A. Yate's, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 4th instant. Bro. George Ward Verry P.M. as W.M. was well supported by the following Officers and brethren:—C. Kendall S.W., J. Maud J.W., H. Clark S.D., A. Deason J.D., J. Myerscough W.S., R. Sly Secretary, G. J. Anning I.P.M., G. Huggett P.M., W. H. Hubbert, W. Goddard, J. Walker, J. J. Berry P.M., H. J. West, G. Thomas, J. Fordham, R. Coningham, E. T. Emery, A. Pilgrim, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Blackburn W.S. 1365, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623. Lodge was opened in due form, with prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were submitted and confirmed. There was no other business on the agenda paper. The W.M. brought forward a notice of motion to consider the advisability of altering the rules which govern the fee for initiation, with a view to reducing the same. Hearty good wishes having been given, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, excellently served, under the superintendence of Bro. Yates, the worthy host. In due order the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were introduced and honoured. The toast of the Visitors was also heartily received, and among the brethren who responded thereto we were gratified to find our old and esteemed Brother Barnes, in apparent, and we trust real enjoyment of his health again. Bro. Barnes alluded to the unsatisfactory support afforded to the Lodge of Instruction held every Monday evening in the Lodge room. No doubt these remarks will affect, for the better, the attendance. There is considerable weight in Bro. Barnes contending that brethren who have themselves received benefits from the Lodge of Instruction should consider themselves called upon to render others the assistance they may require to attain the positions which they have held. The Officers were next toasted, Bro. Verry remarking the absence of Bro. Treasurer, from whom he had expected rather more support than he had as yet received. Bro. Sly the Secretary had done all in his power to facilitate the good working of the Lodge, and the same might be said of the Past Masters and other Officers generally. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Maidwell P.M. having favoured the brethren with the highly appropriate song, "Pour out the Rhine Wine," the Tyler's toast was heartily given by Bro. Steedman P.M., the veteran Tyler, and the proceedings of a pleasant evening were brought to a close.

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caused so much excitement, nor have we said on any occasion since that article was published, that our American brethren were wholly oblivious of the claims of charity. We spoke in general terms as to the *general* tendency of Freemasonry in the United States towards display. We spoke of their great love of Masonic processions in public, as well as of their extreme partiality for costly and elaborate Masonic temples. We asked, Where were the charitable institutions? not because we were ignorant of the existence of some, but because we knew it to be a fact, which all the writing in the world would never disturb, that those institutions which did exist were but few and far between, when the number of Grand Lodges in working order and the immense array of members which collectively owed them allegiance were taken into account. We have further pointed out that a large portion of the income of each Grand Lodge is spent in mileage allowance, &c., so that large funds, which might otherwise be available for assisting indigent brethren, or the distressed families of departed brethren, in reality found their way back into the pockets of those who contributed them. And, what we have said we abide by, with all due respect to our contemporary, though—and we take this opportunity of saying it, with all becoming emphasis—we are quite willing to retract or modify our statements as soon as our American brethren are in a position to demonstrate that our statements need to be retracted or modified. We see, however, no immediate prospect of this happening. On the contrary, our inquiries have been answered in more than one direction in a manner which cannot be considered complimentary to American Masons. Bro. Cornelius Moore, for instance, it cannot be denied, is not without some experience of Freemasonry in the United States. He cannot have been editor and proprietor for very many years of one of the principal Masonic magazines on his side the Atlantic without having learned something of the characteristics, scope, and tendencies of American Masonry. Well, he, in an article which we quoted from his new organ, the *Masonic Messenger*, has fully corroborated our statements, while the *Corner Stone*, of New York, in an acticle we likewise quoted not so very long ago, drew quite a harrowing picture of brethren going to the bad and leaving their wives and families in a state of the utmost destitution. We have never ventured to go so far as these journals, and yet we are taken to task by our friend the *Keystone*, for being so profoundly ignorant. If "American Freemasons, therefore, and Philadelphia Freemasons especially, together with all brethren who 'read mark, learn, and inwardly digest' the KEYSTONE, cannot and would not plead ignorance on this subject" of American Charitable Institutions, how comes it that Bro. Moore and the *Corner Stone* have spoken of their fellows a hundred times more disparagingly than we should ever have ventured to speak?

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that they did their best, and have thereby entitled themselves to a respite from the toils of Masonic Charity electioneering, at least until the canvass for the election of the Benevolent Institution is brought more prominently before them. But while it is true that to the majority of the voters all thought of the past is unnecessary, there are some in whom it must arouse serious considerations for the future. The task of "working" a Masonic election in the present day is no light one, as many of our readers can, from personal experience, testify, while to those who have not yet taken an active part in any of the contests we need only refer to the number of votes that are issued from the offices of the two Schools, and of which a very small proportion remain outstanding at the close of the poll. At the two elections which have just been brought to a conclusion the number of votes recorded was upwards of fifty-five thousand, a majority of which had, no doubt, passed through many hands before being finally entrusted to the care of the Scrutineers. Even the task undertaken by that band of brethren is one which but for the hearty co-operation of all concerned could not be accomplished in the time it usually occupies, but when we take into consideration the work of collecting or otherwise securing the votes previous to polling them, who shall say what amount of work is represented, or who can measure the miles traversed in procuring them? As we have on many occasions pointed out, much of this work is undertaken by Committees or Associations, formed in various parts of the country, for the purpose of using the voting power of the district to the best possible advantage, and it is to these Associations we owe the great extension of the system of loaning votes that has occurred during the last few years. Borrowing is now an important element in the conduct of an election, and to such an extent is it carried on that we can hardly imagine an election being conducted without it, or with any material diminution in the facilities which now exist for obtaining votes on the understanding that they will be repaid at some future contest. On the good faith of mere promises, votes are lent out, which, if polled by the owner, would not be sufficient in themselves to secure a place among the successful, but which by skilful manipulation may often procure a good rate of interest, besides securing the election of candidates at an earlier date than could otherwise be accomplished. This loaning would not occur to so great an extent were the promises to repay dependent on an individual voter's ability to fulfil the same, for there is always the risk of death stepping in to cancel the contract, but in the case of an Association, death of individuals is hardly likely to affect the result; indeed, with a Provincial Committee recognised by the Provincial Grand Lodge it should not make the slightest difference. On the days of election the representation of these local Committees or Associations is usually entrusted to an individual member, or it may be to a small Committee, who, for the purpose of securing the desired object, are authorised to pledge the credit of the Province, or of the whole of the members of the Association he or they represent, and it is in these representatives therefore we see those who anxiously look to the future. In many instances, they have attached their names to receipts for votes lent to the section of the Craft of which they for the time being acted as agents, and until they see they are in a position to meet all their engagements, theirs must be anything but a comfortable position. In the past they have been accustomed to look to the brethren on behalf of whom they acted to endorse any arrangements they, in the exercise of their judgment, may have entered into, and where the repayment of votes at a given date is concerned, they have relied, not on their personal efforts alone, but on the united assistance of their Committee or Association. That they have any legal claim on their fellows in this respect is questionable, and until within the last few days we have not thought it necessary to urge on them the actual need there is for bringing all these transactions within the reach of the law; even now we do not do so with the desire of still further spreading that un-Masonic spirit which has lately shown itself, but it is absolutely necessary that brethren should understand their position, and an instance having just been brought under our notice bearing specially on this subject, we put it before our readers, leaving them to act as they may think best. We are of opinion that a word of warning before an event occurs is worth more than volumes of advice afterwards.

We have referred above to the uncertainty of life as affecting the calculations necessary to be made by the holders of votes before parting with them on the promise that they shall be repaid at future elections, and bearing in mind the fact that the voting qualifications of an individual cease immediately on his decease, as also, to a very considerable extent, does the influence he possessed among his friends, this is in itself a serious item for consideration, as in a very large number of cases death does, and ever will, put an end to the contract, once and for all, unless some legal form of agreement is in future adopted. It is a well-known maxim that it is a poor rule that will not work both ways, but we imagine there are few borrowers who would seriously take into their calculations the chance of the lender dying before the promise to repay came to maturity, and if they did we hope there are fewer still who would consider themselves relieved from a debt by any such an occurrence. Thus we find the lender who accepts an individual voter's promise to repay a loan, works at a disadvantage, as in the event of the death of the borrower he runs the almost certain chance of losing his votes, but in the case of Provincial Committees or other local Associations all this is different. The lender has, or should have, a receipt signed on behalf of the Association, and pledging the credit of the whole of the members, by a duly authorised representative, and we think in most instances these promises to repay are looked upon as being good for the number of votes they represent. Hitherto we had looked upon them as unquestionable, but the case we refer to as having lately arisen has rudely shaken our faith in their marketable value. The representative of one of the Provincial Associations having a matter of two hundred boys' votes which he did not require for immediate use, lent them to another such Association, on the understanding that they were to be repaid for the election just concluded. The receipt was made out and signed by the representative of the borrowing Association in the name of, and handed to, the representative of the lenders, and was accepted by him on the understanding that the one Association was bound to the other, and not on the basis of individual responsibility. Since this occurred, the representative of the lenders has died, and in consequence another brother had to be selected to continue the work the deceased had for years undertaken. Accordingly a brother was appointed, and the several papers necessary for the conduct of the voting affairs of the Province were handed over to him, among them being the acknowledgment for the 205 votes referred to. In due course he, in the name of the Province he represented, applied for repayment, and the votes, already looked out, were handed to him, and the transaction thus far went well. But, later in the day, a change comes; the late debtors either remembered, or were informed, that the brother in whose name the receipt was made out had died some month or so previously, and they appear to have come to the conclusion that their liability ceased with his death. What a splendid system of morality is here depicted! We should hardly have thought such an argument possible, but facts are facts, and the evidence we have before us is indisputable. There can be no doubt about the matter, as a formal demand for the immediate return of the 205 votes was in form served upon the brother to whom they were handed. How the matter will end we are not in a position to imagine, but we hope, for the sake of that good feeling which has hitherto existed among the brethren who work the Elections, that a satisfactory solution will be forthcoming.

Lest any of our readers doubt—as we should have been inclined to do—the possibility of so strange a proceeding, we give the names of the brethren interested, and a copy of the letter referred to. The votes were the property of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, lent by the representative of that district, the late Bro. Edward Cox. Bro. James Terry, having agreed to conduct the present October Elections on behalf of that Province, applied for their repayment, the borrowers being the London Masonic Charity Organisation, of which Bro. A. Tisley, the writer of the following letter, is the Secretary and duly appointed representative. The following is a *verbatim* copy of his letter to Bro. Terry, after the other representatives of the London Masonic Charity Organisation had discovered that the votes had been repaid to the representative of the late Bro. Edward Cox, in whose name the receipt was made out:—

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Freemasons' Tavern, 11th October 1880.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I was unaware when I paid you the 205 votes this morning that Bro. Cox was dead, and must ask you to return that (*sic*) at once, as my liability ceased with his death.

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. Terry, Esq. A. Tisley.

We are very sorry that London brethren should be the ones to start such a scandal, but having done so, it now rests with the Provinces to unite and come to some general understanding on the subject. We may look forward to the appointment of a solicitor to accompany each representative at future elections, and ere long accommodation will have to be provided for the stamping of agreements and swearing of affidavits as a necessary adjunct to our Charity contests, but ere that day arrives we hope all right thinking men will have withdrawn their support from the few who, in the name of the many, bring discredit, not only on the organisation itself, but on the Craft at large.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER NORFOLK.

THE annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Norfolk was held at the Masonic Rooms, 23 St. Giles'-street, Norwich, on Wednesday, 6th October, for the purposes of installing the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, M.E.Z. Chapter Unanimity, No. 102, &c., who has been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., to succeed Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. L'Estrange, whose sad loss is seriously felt in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the entire Province. The meeting was convened for four o'clock, and after the preliminary business was disposed of the Grand Superintendent Designate was duly and in ancient form installed, the ceremony being impressively rendered by the M.E. Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The Grand Superintendent then re-appointed the Provincial Grand Officers—Comps. Col. Bignold H., Hamon L 'Estrange J., Edwin Baldwin S.E., C. H. Capon S.N., James Bond P.S., Geo. Smith 1st Assistant, E. J. Bonfellow 2nd Assistant S., W. Pattrick Treas., G. S. Woodwark Registrar, — Chadwick Standard Bearer, J. Dunsford D.C., S. W. Berry Organist, J. Franklin and J. Boyce Stewards. The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on the following day interfered to some extent with the attendance. As it was, a considerable number of Companions assembled to witness the ceremony and to greet their new chief. The following Officers and Companions were among those present:—Colonel Bignold P.G.H., H. L'Estrange P.G.J., E. Baldwin P.G.S.E., C. H. Capon P.G.S.N., E. J. Bonfellow A.S., J. Dunsford P.G.D.C. Z. 52 Royal George, W. Pattrick P.G. Treasurer, H. G. Barwell H., G. B. Kennett J. 52 Royal George, G. Baxter J. 213 Perseverance, R. Martins P.Z. 100, Robert Wortley J. 102, W. A. Tyssen-Amherst P.J. 52, S. N. Berry P.G. Organist, Sir Francis Boileau P.S. 52, Colonel Boileau 52, E. Orams 52, Rev. H. T. Griffith P.S. 102, Joseph Tomlinson P.Z. 1503, H. A. Wooster Reeves, W. Dakin P.Z. 221, G. F. Brown H. 81 Suffolk, A. H. Santy N. 52, J. C. Chittock E. 52, J. Hotblack P.J. 807, T. W. G. Barnard, J. Watson S.E. 203, A. Berry 807, G. Green 807, T. Isley 213, T. Mackley 807, J. B. Pearce 52, H. Rosling 807, W. Shorten 807, M. Bailey 807, J. J. Hunt 807. A banquet followed at the Norfolk Hotel, which was attended by about forty Companions. It was served in capital style, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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CENTENARY OF FREEMASONS' HALL MEDAL, 1780—1880.

THE winter session of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, was opened on Thursday, the 8th inst. There was an unusually large gathering, about seventy Masons being present, and amongst others, Bros. Henry Hopkins W.M., W. Hunt S.W., C. W. Radway J.W., T. P. Ashley P.M. and Treasurer, R. B. Cater Secretary, J. Rubie P.M., S. G. Mitchell P.M., F. Wilkinson P.M., T. Wilton P.M., Captain Peel Floyd P.M., T. B. Moutrie P.M., Mercer S.D., Murlis, Ames, Baldwin, &c. There were many Visitors, including Bro. Stothert No. 53, Bro. W. Thompson, Bro. Beckett, and others. It is rarely that so large a number of old Masons are brought together as were upon this occasion, when the Lodge was specially meeting, at an earlier hour than usual, to celebrate the centenary of the presentation by the Grand Lodge of England of a silver medal attached to the Master's jewel, and which was conferred upon this ancient Lodge in 1780, as an acknowledgement of the monetary assistance towards the completion of Freemasons' Hall, London. But four provincial Lodges share this honour with the Cumberland, and out of these No. 41, Bath, is the only country Lodge that has the original medal in its possession, which was struck and forwarded by the Grand Lodge of England. The other Lodges have, by some reason or other, lost the original medal. Very great *éclat* was given to the proceedings by the fact that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Else, was in attendance, and another highly distinguished Mason was present in the person of Bro. William Hughan, who holds the office of a Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Hughan is world-renowned for his Masonic researches, and it is seldom that any Provincial Lodge has the pleasure of receiving so distinguished an Officer. He is, however, a very old personal friend of the Master of the Lodge, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, and he came at great inconvenience to assist his friend at this very interesting celebration. This numerous assembly of distinguished Masons must have been exceedingly gratifying to the Worshipful Master, who had expended considerable time and labour in bringing about such a successful meeting. Dr. Hopkins presented the Lodge with a loving-cup, and also a very handsome donation towards the Masonic Charities, beside other matters of interest to the brethren. Several hours were spent in the Masonic Hall, and in the course of the proceedings a resolution of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. R. Carey—one of the most esteemed members of the Royal Cumberland—was adopted, and the Lodge was likewise ordered to go into mourning. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Christopher Hotel, where over sixty sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Robinson, at the invitation, and as the guests, of the Worshipful Master. And thus one of the most interesting events in the Masonic annals of the Bath Lodges was brought to a happy conclusion.—*Bath Argus.*

[An esteemed correspondent, who sends us the above, asks, "What are the thirteen London Lodges doing? *Vide* Bro. Hughan's Masonic Register."—Ed. F.C.

Holloway's Pills.—In general debility, nervous tremor, and mental depression, these unrivalled Pills have a marvellous effect. They have won the confidence of millions in all parts of the civilised world. Constitutions shaken by sensual excesses, or by long residence in unwholesome climates, or by sedentary habits, are wonderfully renovated by a course of this extraordinary medicine, which, powerful as is its action on the whole system, is perfectly harmless to the tenderest frame. The Pills are composed of rare balsams, without the admixture of a grain of any mineral whatever, or of any other deleterious substance. They operate directly, powerfully, and beneficially upon the whole mass of blood; nor can we question the fact when we see indigestion cured, liver complaints arrested, the oppressed lungs brought into healthful play, and every physical function renewed and strengthened by their agency.

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Wright D.C., E. C. Porter Steward, J. B. ward, Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler. ne business of the day, the members and he Christ Church School Room, where the room—an admirable one for the purpose—astefully decorated, and those who had the ng regard to the drenching rain which had ay—kept the fires well charged, so that the hroughout the building was most cheering to their destination; indeed, to one and ne Feathers Hotel, was the caterer, and from that capacity, we need hardly say every-

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Eboracum R.A. Chapter, No. 16

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The District Grand Lodge of England was well represented. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M., apologised for unavoidable absence, as he had to leave by the steamer for Fiji that evening. The following Grand Officers were present :—Bros. J. Warren D.G.S.N., Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chap., M. S. Leers D.G. President of General Purposes, H. G. Wade D.G. Sec., Dr. Dawson D.G.S.D., E. S. Wilcox D.G.J.D., T. Cole D.G.D.C., W. Rattray Assist.-D.G.D.C., C. Hesketh D.G. Organist, Fenton D.G. Pursuivant, and the Rev. Bro. Tebbs P.D. Chaplain of the Somerset Lodge. Amongst others present were :—Bros. Donall, Burns, and Brock, P.M's of Lodge, United Service, Rees P.M. Ara Lodge, Elleson R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, Hewson P.M. Lodge St. Andrew, Neil McLeod P.M. Lodge Alexandra, Hatswell P.M. Lodge Waitemata ; Bro. Rees also attended as Prov. G. Sec. of the I.C., and Bro. Donall as P.G.S.W. of the same Constitution ; and Capt. R. B. Morrow P.M. of Cawnpore Lodge (641 E.C.) The installation was conducted by Bro. Chapman, the Master of the Lodge, who invested Bro. James Carlaw as Master of the Lodge with the usual ceremonies. The Master then installed the following Officers :—Bros. W. Morrison S.W., G. Johnston J.W., T. Faulder Treas., W. Rylance Sec., T. W. Kitt S.D., Young Warren J.D., C. M. Newson I.G., Wm. Johnston Tyler. After the Lodge was closed, the room was cleared and refreshments were laid. The usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were responded to, after which the Chairman, Bro. Carlaw, proposed the toast of the D.G.M. and his Officers ; Bro. Wade responded. That day he was in receipt of a letter from their District Grand Master, from London, pointing out the high esteem in which this district was held in London. He wished it to be known that they were held second to few in the Masonic Hall, and that his treatment, as their representative, had been most courteous. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, in the absence of Bro. Lodder, proposed the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. He might almost say that he was glad the D.G.M. was away, as it gave him the pleasure of proposing this toast. He had known Bro. Carlaw in many positions, and was glad to meet him that night as Master of Lodge Eden. He then referred to the zeal and assiduity displayed by Bro. Carlaw, and concluded by proposing his health, and he prayed that he might have a prosperous year, and that great progress might be made in the Lodge during his term of office. Bro. Carlaw responded to the toast. The toasts of "The Installing Master," "Visiting Brethren," "Eden Lodge," "Retiring Officers," &c., were duly proposed and responded to, and the proceedings terminated with the usual ceremonies.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

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At the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. J. H. Pringle W.S. 781 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 993 S.W., J. Taylor I.G. 554 J.W., Turquand S.W. 590, P.M. 1536, P.G.D.C. Surrey I.P.M., C. Breden P.M. 781 Hon. Sec. First Lecture :—Bros. Ellingford, Stewart, A. Levy, I. P. Cohen, J. Taylor, G. H. Stephens, and Macdonald. Second Lecture :—Bros. Robinson, Moss, T. Wooding, Forss, and Ould. Third Lecture :—Bros. Scheerboom, Job, and Candick.

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WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE Installation meeting of this admirably conducted Lodge was held on Saturday, 9th inst., at the Ealing Institute. As usual at the gatherings at Ealing there was a large attendance of members and Visitors, among the latter we may mention, Bros. T. Brown P.M. 780, W. Heath 1681, E. Hopwood P.M. 916, B. E. Blasby W.M. 780, Walter Goss P.M. 780, W. Gardiner P.M. 780, Herbage S.D. 177, R. Harris J.D. 771, T. Yonens 1287, W. Barnard 1691, J. Lawrence 186, O. J. Bacon 186, F. A. Kelly 1524, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. S. Cantrell P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks. G. Willis 780, John Murch J.D. 27, H. L. Ewens, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. At the opening of the Lodge the W.M., Bro. Henry Kasner, was supported by his two predecessors in the chair, Bros. Amman Beesley and Thomas Kingston, while all the Officers were in their places. After the Lodge had been regularly formed, the minutes of the last regular, and those of emergency meetings, were read and confirmed. The next business was to pass four candidates—Bros. C. O. Walter, T. A. Smith, M. J. M. Flint, and G. Crook. It is the rule in this Lodge to confer the degrees on the several candidates singly, and the rule was strictly adhered to on this occasion. Bro. A. J. Burr, however, the W.M. elect, was in due course presented, and he received the benefits of installation at the hands of his predecessor, who fully realised the high expectations that had been indulged in as to the way in which he would acquit himself. The appointment of Officers resulted as follows:—Henry Kasner I.P.M., J. Green S.W., Samuel Dyer J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, W. Seward jun. S.D., J. W. Fisher J.D., Wm. Nye I.G., G. S. Wright D.C., E. C. Porter Steward, J. L. Hamilton Assistant Steward, Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler. After the conclusion of the business of the day, the members and their guests repaired to the Christ Church School Room, where the banquet was served. The room—an admirable one for the purpose—was most elegantly and tastefully decorated, and those who had the direction of affairs—having regard to the drenching rain which had been falling during the day—kept the fires well charged, so that the genial warmth diffused throughout the building was most cheering to those who had to drive to their destination; indeed, to one and all. Bro. Stephens, of the Feathers Hotel, was the caterer, and from his well-known ability in that capacity, we need hardly say everything was perfect. Bro. Burr presided, and in giving the several toasts on the list he spoke well to the Shaksperian texts which were appended to each. Bro. Cottebrune replied for the Grand Officers, thanking the brethren for the way in which they had honoured the toast. He also expressed his gratification at seeing Bro. Burr—whom he designated as a child of his—in his present exalted position. Bro. I.P.M. Kasner proposed the health of the W.M., and referred, in high terms, to the energy and zeal Bro. Burr had always displayed in the fulfilment of his duties, and of the perseverance he had shown in working up to his present position. Bro. Burr gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him, and in due course proposed the health of the Past Masters, and presented Bro. Kasner with the elegant P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge. After this had been acknowledged, and the two remaining Past Masters had addressed a few words to those assembled, the Visitors' toast was given, and Bro. Brown and others replied. The Treasurer and Secretary each received their meed of praise, and the interest taken by the Officers in the work entrusted to them was fully recognised. Several special toasts were introduced—health and happiness to Bro. Delevante, the Press, &c.; to all of which suitable response was made. A capital musical entertainment was provided, Miss Delevante, Bro. Hambleton, and Mr. Delevante ably acquitting themselves. Altogether, the brethren had a very pleasant time of it.

The toast list, which contained a very happy selection of quotations, we append:—

THE QUEEN—

"And the Craft."—*Merry Wives of Windsor.*

"Many years of happy days befal our gracious Sovereign."
Richard II.

THE M.W.G. MASTER, H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES—

"The rightful heir to England's Royal seat."—*Henry IV.*

"Ever beloved and loving may his rule be!
And when old Time shall lead him to his end,
Goodness and he fill up one monument.—*Henry VIII.*

THE PRO G.M. THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

THE DEPUTY G.M. THE EARL OF LATHOM.

AND THE REST OF THE G.O. PAST AND PRESENT—

"Bear their blushing honours thick upon them."—*Henry VIII.*

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER—

"All happiness bechance to thee!"—*Two Gentlemen of Verona.*

THE PAST MASTERS—

"You have deserved
High commendations, true applause, and love."—*As You Like It.*

THE VISITORS—

"All our Friends—are welcome."—*Hamlet.*

THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY—

"Men endued with worthy qualities."—*Two Gentlemen of Verona.*

THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE—

"Degrees and offices purchased by the merits of the wearer."

THE TYLER'S TOAST—

"Know how to use your Brothers Brotherly."—*Henry VI.*

ANCIENT CARTHAGE LODGE, No. 1717, AT TUNIS, NORTH AFRICA.

THE fourth Installation Festival of this Lodge was celebrated on the 2nd October. The Lodge was opened at six p.m. Present—Worshipful Bros. A. Perini D.G.S.W. W.M., A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. W.M. 1835 I.P.M., Souiller S.W., Pentecost J.W., Barsotti Treasurer, Audry Secretary, De Gallais S.D., Chaigne as J.D., Carriglio I.G., and Eymon Tyler; T. F. Reade (H.B.M.'s Agent and Consul General at Tunis) P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt and P.M. 1068, Delsol, Paliga LL.D.; Vace M.D., and other members of the Lodge. Visitors—Wor. Bro. Professor Ayra W.M. of the Lodge Risorgimento G.O. of Rome, Maltesopolo, Pais, and Cittanova, Officers of the same Lodge, and Bro. Fernand Boné, of Lodge Le Lien des Peuples, Paris. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the gavel was handed to Bro. A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-law, who requested Worshipful Bros. Reade and Perini to present him Bro. Stephen Souiller, Professor of the Government College at Tunis, and Officier d'Académie, the S.W., who had been elected at the previous meeting, as the W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was then performed, in the French language. W. Bro. Souiller then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. Perini, M.D., I.P.M., Professor Clement S.W., Le Gallais J.W., Barsotti Treasurer, Audry Secretary, Paliga LL.D. Interpreter, Sessing S.D., Chaigne J.D., Carriglio D.C., Commander Bridger, R.N., Organist, Marchand Asst. Secretary, Polinelly Asst. D.C., Cassar, Pace M.D., and Delsol Stewards; and Eymon Tyler. The W.M. then received the congratulations of the P.M.'s and Visitors, and closed the Lodge, after the usual collection for charitable purposes. The brethren then adjourned to the Hotel Eymon, where they dined, and honoured in due course the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The newly-installed W.M., Professor Souiller, was initiated nearly twenty years ago in the Italian Lodge Carthage, Utica. He was one of the founders of Lodge No. 1717, and its first Secretary. Bro. Souilier is S.W. of Mark Lodge 222, P.G. Asst. Secretary (Mark) and P.D.G. Supt. of Works (Craft). He is also P.S. of the R.A. Chapter 1717, and was perfected as a S.P.R.C. in the Rose of Sharon Chapter at Malta. Our brother is a most accomplished linguist, speaking fluently five languages, and is determined to persevere in upholding in this country the interests of English Masonry, and follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in the chair.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 12th October. Bros. Watkins W.M., Smith S.W., Pavitt J.W., Peterken S.D., Johnson J.D., Forss I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Myers, McDonald, Brownsom, Loane, Ives, Keable, Rawe, Scheerboom. After preliminaries, Bro. McDonald having answered the questions, Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Myers worked the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will rehearse the third ceremony; we hope he will have a good attendance. The whole of the sections to be worked in this Lodge of Instruction are filled up. The names of the brethren will be inserted in our next.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 3rd inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., F. Sillis S.W., W. Burgess J.W., Birrell S.D., Silvester J.D., Vallentine I.G., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, Hemming acting Preceptor; Bros. Strokirk, Stiles, J. J. Smith, B. Kauffmann, Hook, Lovenston, J. Stevens, Judson, Koester, Smith, H. M. Levy, &c. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hook acting as candidate. The ceremony of the third degree was then rehearsed. Bro. Sillis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and it was proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the acting W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony. Several brethren placed their names on the list to work the sections on the 24th inst. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed.

On the 10th instant Bro. Sillis occupied the chair; Bros. Birrell S.W., Silvester J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, L. Solomon S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., B. Kauffmann I.G., Hemming Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Smith acting candidate. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Guyer candidate. Both ceremonies were perfectly worked, the Traditional History being especially well rendered. The third section of the third degree was worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Hemming. Bro. Paul worked the sixth section of the first lecture. The fourth section was then worked. Bro. E. Watson, No. 72, was elected a member. Bro. Birrell was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed. There were present Bros. Guyer, Koester, Vallentine, J. J. Smith, H. M. Levy, Silvester, Wilson, Hook, Paul, &c.

Eboracum R.A. Chapter, No. 1611.—The regular communication of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, at York, the following Companions being present:—T. B. Whytehead Z., J. S. Cumberland H., J. Todd P.Z. as J., Jas. Kay S.E., G. Balmford as S.N., M. Millington P.S., J. T. Seller and T. Turner Assistants, G. Simpson Treasurer, T. Humphries, W. Girling, P. Pearson Janitor. Bros. R. Walker and W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge, were exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z., who also gave the mystical lecture, the symbolical and historical being most impressively delivered by the E.H. After the close of the Chapter there was a pleasant social gathering, when amongst others the toasts of the M.E.Z., the Eboracum Chapter, and the sister Chapter in York, were drank.

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JAMAICA.

THE Jamaica Preceptory of Knights Templar was consecrated in due form on Thursday, 16th September, at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, Jamaica, by Sir Knight Captain Portlock Dadson P.E.P. and P. Sub-Prior of Kent. Commander Sir Knight Alfred W. Warry, R.N., of H.M.S. Urgent, was duly installed as Eminent Preceptor, and Sir Knight C. Henderson Davis elected as Treasurer. The following Companions were duly exalted as Knights of the Temple:—Comps. John Harris, C. W. Tait, R. Swire Haughton, J.P., Henry Garsia, Charles H. Davis, Walter S. Magnus, William Lee Mudon, Albert H. Jones, J.P., C. W. Steer, J.P., William Duff, Augustus Abrahams, William Andrews, E. Bolivar Wolfe, S. H. Watson, Gerald Waldron, and F. W. Melville. A Priory of the Order of Knights of Malta having been opened, that degree was conferred on Sir Knights Tait, Garsia, Davis, Magnus, Mudon, Jones, Steer, Abrahams, Duff, Andrews, Wolfe, Watson, Waldron, and Melville. Sir Knight Captain Portlock Dadson was elected a life member of the Preceptory by the unanimous vote of the Knights. Captain Karl Mainwaring, R.N., and Lieutenant W. C. H. Hastings, R.N., became joining members of the Preceptory. An emergency meeting will shortly be held to confer the degree on a number of candidates. Sir Knight Walter Spencer was elected an honorary member.

NEW ZEALAND.

EDEN LODGE, No. 1530 E.C.

AT the installation of Officers of the Eden Lodge, Auckland, New Zealand, there was the largest display of Masonic lights which we have observed since Bro. Lazar presided at the opening of two District and Provincial Grand Lodges in this Masonic Province. The occasion was the installation of Officers of the Eden Lodge, and of course it took place in the handsome and commodious Lodge room, Karangahape Road. The number of Lodges represented was large. The District Grand Lodge of England was well represented. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M., apologised for unavoidable absence, as he had to leave by the steamer for Fiji that evening. The following Grand Officers were present:—Bros. J. Warren D.G.S.N., Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chap., M. S. Leers D.G. President of General Purposes, H. G. Wade D.G. Sec., Dr. Dawson D.G.S.D., E. S. Wilcox D.G.J.D., T. Cole D.G.D.C., W. Rattray Assist.-D.G.D.C., C. Hesketh D.G. Organist, Fenton D.G. Pursuivant, and the Rev. Bro. Tebbs P.D. Chaplain of the Somerset Lodge. Amongst others present were:—Bros. Donall, Burns, and Brock, P.M's of Lodge, United Service, Rees P.M. Ara Lodge, Elleson R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, Hewson P.M. Lodge St. Andrew, Neil McLeod P.M. Lodge Alexandra, Hatswell P.M. Lodge Waitemata; Bro. Rees also attended as Prov. G. Sec. of the I.C., and Bro. Donall as P.G.S.W. of the same Constitution; and Capt. R. B. Morrow P.M. of Cawnpore Lodge (641 E.C.) The installation was conducted by Bro. Chapman, the Master of the Lodge, who invested Bro. James Carlaw as Master of the Lodge with the usual ceremonies. The Master then installed the following Officers:—Bros. W. Morrison S.W., G. Johnston J.W., T. Faulder Treas., W. Rylance Sec., T. W. Kitt S.D., Young Warren J.D., C. M. Newson I.G., Wm. Johnston Tyler. After the Lodge was closed, the room was cleared and refreshments were laid. The usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were responded to, after which the Chairman, Bro. Carlaw, proposed the toast of the D.G.M. and his Officers; Bro. Wade responded. That day he was in receipt of a letter from their District Grand Master, from London, pointing out the high esteem in which this district was held in London. He wished it to be known that they were held second to few in the Masonic Hall, and that his treatment, as their representative, had been most courteous. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, in the absence of Bro. Lodder, proposed the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. He might almost say that he was glad the D.G.M. was away, as it gave him the pleasure of proposing this toast. He had known Bro. Carlaw in many positions, and was glad to meet him that night as Master of Lodge Eden. He then referred to the zeal and assiduity displayed by Bro. Carlaw, and concluded by proposing his health, and he prayed that he might have a prosperous year, and that great progress might be made in the Lodge during his term of office. Bro. Carlaw responded to the toast. The toasts of "The Installing Master," "Visiting Brethren," "Eden Lodge," "Retiring Officers," &c., were duly proposed and responded to, and the proceedings terminated with the usual ceremonies.

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MARK MASONRY.

Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, No. 199.—The October meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Bell, Shoreditch, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. J. Meek, assisted by Bros. J. B. Shackleton I.P.M. P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, B. Meyer P.M. Treasurer, Henry Meyer S.W., W. Stephens acting J.W., Gould J.O., James Hill Secretary, A. P. Little R.M., G. Andrews S.D., and J. J. Marsh Tyler. Several distinguished Visitors were also present, among whom may be named Bros. Wm. Stephens P.M. St. Mark's No. 1, Henry Stoker St. George's No. 15 P.P.G.D.C. Devon, John H. Southwood No. 120 I.C., and James Anderson Excelsior No. 226. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. I. H. Peach, being approved, was advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., and subsequently invested by the W.M. with the office of Organist. The following brethren were then advanced by the W.M.:—Bros. Henry Stephens P.M. High Cross No. 754, Edward Harrison Fitzroy Lodge No. 569, and W. T. Crouch Beaufort Lodge No. 103, Bristol. The impressiveness of the ceremony being considerably enhanced by the admirable manner in which the W.M. discharged his duties, and the efficient rendering of the chants and hymns by the newly appointed Organist, Bro. Peach, elicited warm congratulations both from the Visitors and the members of the Lodge. Bro. J. H. Southwood was then balloted for, and duly elected a joining member, and Bro. Wm. Stephens made an honorary member of the Lodge. It was proposed and duly carried—That a petition for an Ark Mariners Lodge, to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, should be prepared and presented to the Grand Mark Lodge. Letters of regret at inability to be present having been received from R.W. Bro. F. Binckes Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary, and other honorary members, and hearty good wishes expressed by the Visitors, Lodge was closed and adjourned to the first Thursday in December. The brethren then proceeded to partake of a bountiful repast, excellently provided by the worthy host of the Bell, Bro. Crouch. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. A special toast—"The gallant Six Hundred"—was feelingly proposed by Bro. P.M. Shackleton, in honour of the W.M.—one of the survivors of the glorious Charge—and enthusiastically received. A capital speech from Bro. Southwood, and some good songs brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—A regular meeting of this Conclave was held at York, on Thursday. In the absence of the M.P.S. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), who had been suddenly called away on business, Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided. Bro. W. B. Dyson occupied the chair of V.E., in the absence of Bro. C. G. Padel, through illness. The following were also present, amongst others:—Bros. G. Simpson First General, M. Millington Second General, A. T. B. Turner Prefect, W. P. Husband Recorder, R. Walker, T. Humphries Herald, H. Jackson Sentinel, &c. Bro. Oates, of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, was duly installed a member of the Order. Subsequently the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were opened, and those degrees were conferred on Bro. Oates.

Obituary.

BRO. H. M. EMANUEL.

IT is with deep regret that we have to record the demise of this well known townsman, the senior member of the firm of Messrs. H. M. Emanuel and Sons, silversmiths and jewellers to the Queen, of Ordnance row, Portsea. The deceased, who on Saturday last completed his 73rd year, was taken ill in the Synagogue, on the Day of Atonement, and was compelled to return home, but, becoming better, returned to the service. He had since suffered from bronchitis and pleurisy, but on the morning of his death seemed a little better. The immediate cause of death, which took place just after one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, 6th October, was disease of the heart, from which he had suffered for some time. The deceased was an old member of the Town Council, but he was not elevated to the aldermanic bench until the 27th of August last. Both in public and in private life he was highly respected. He was for several years a member of the defunct Portsea Commissioners, a commissioner under the Ferry Act, and a vice-president of the Athenæum at the time of its dissolution. A zealous member of the Masonic body, he had filled the office of Provincial Grand Warden, and was a Past Grand Officer of England of the Mark Master Masons. The late alderman rendered valuable service to the Craft in the capacity of almoner of the local Lodges. On the occasion of the opening of the Masonic Hall, at Landport, he had the pleasure of receiving at the hands of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, a handsome gold jewel, as a mark of appreciation of his services. He had also been presented with the jewel of a P.M. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Hebrew Congregation, and had several times filled the offices of Warden of the Congregation and President of the Portsmouth Hebrew Benevolent Institution and the Portsmouth Hebrew Educational Classes. An executor of the late Mr. Aria, he laboured hard in connection with the establishment of Aria College, in accordance with the will of the testator, and was treasurer and a trustee of that institution. Zealous in the discharge of all the duties devolving upon him, the late alderman's amability, courtesy, and kindness of heart gained for him a wide circle of friends.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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ESDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

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...n Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
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387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate,
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, C
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606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Mar
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683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street,
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823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tu
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Th
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street,
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Wo
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterb
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
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1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-ro
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1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancast
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-stree
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Or
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwa
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
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THURSDAY, 21st O

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise
3—Felicity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street,
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamst
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lam
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Dep
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Stree
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regen
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tott
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Greshame
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwo
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Aven
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, C
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southa
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd.,

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (I
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay,
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
298—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ash
341—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, I
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-D
350—Charity, Graies Inn, Stonechough, near Manch
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbri
389—Lime-stone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street,
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
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995—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Ches
963—Wiltshire of Fidelity, [illegible]

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Marc-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, No. 979, CREWE.

THE Annual Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th October, at the Royal Hotel, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The business for the occasion was the installation of the W.M. elect, and the investiture of his Officers for the ensuing year, and to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The brethren assembled in large numbers, and there was an unusual number of visitors from adjoining Provinces also present, including many Provincial Officers. The W.M., Bro. Gibson, opened the Lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmoreland to take his place as Installing Master. This done, the W.M. presented Bro. George Young W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. This received due attention, and afterwards a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Young placed in the chair of K.S. according to antient custom. . The usual cement having been properly applied to the chief corner stone, and labour resumed, the Board was closed, and the brethren re-admitted, according to merit and ability, and the salutations, proclamations, and greetings usual on such occasions duly observed. The W.M. then invested the Officers for the ensuing year, and each one was addressed by the Installing Master as to the meaning of his jewels and the nature of his duties. The ceremony being now completed, Bro. Bowes delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. then said his first duty was one most pleasing to himself; he proposed that the warmest thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Bowes for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Installation. The I.P.M., Bro. Gibson, seconded the proposition, and in doing so said the solemn impressiveness with which Bro. Bowes had rendered their beautiful ceremony must make a lasting impression on the minds of all present. For his own part he should go home a better man. The vote was accorded by acclamation and briefly acknowledged. After some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of a *récherché* character, and reflected infinite credit upon mine host of the Royal.

Unanimity Chapter, No. 102, North Walsham.—A Chapter of Emergency was convened on Monday evening for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., &c., as First Principal. Nearly the whole of the members were present on this interesting occasion, and several Companions from Norwich attended for the purpose of taking part in the ceremony.

Union Lodge, No. 521.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, on Tuesday, 5th inst. After the business of the evening was concluded the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in capital style by Host Tidman.

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es, the brethren desired his acceptance of a P.M.'s
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s to wear it, and desired that he would accept
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ge. In discharging his duties he had not been
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ok up at the Festival of the Girls' School, which
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en two and three hundred. He need hardly
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r of the year he had passed as W.M. of the
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hile The Officers was acknowledged by Bro. S.W.
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e Visitors were Bros. W. Mann P.M. 186, F.
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W. Postans 31, H. Ducher 1687, E. G. Johnson
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F. W. Fisher P.M. 493, C. Lawrence 1804, J.
W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. Tayler, J. Ll. Jones

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Visitors were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.
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Cantle P.M. 1257, Cloots 1563, Crook
H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-
5th October. Bros. Wardell W.M., Clark
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Preceptor, Smyth Treas.; also Bros. D.
others. The work comprised the rehea
Bro. Smyth acting as candidate. Lodge
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be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on
at 7 o'clock. Bro. C. Lurkin will preside.

On Tuesday, 12th October, Bros. Clark W
J.W., J. Lurkin Sec., Smith Treas., P.
Christian S.D., Catlin J.D., Carr I.G.; al
Larter, Greenwood, Hall. Bro. Williams,
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we are working as Masons, regarding the glories of the past as chiefly valuable in inciting us to future exertions. Masonry is truly a living power, and the greatest proof of this appears to be its great adaptability to the requirements of every time and circumstance. Its history is one of change and development. In early times our brethren were undoubtedly operative Masons, gradually the Craft became a system of morality. The implements with which our antient brethren wrought have become symbols of moral forces. The columns they erected and the arches they constructed are now considered by us as sermons in stones on the social duties of mankind. But, changed as the Masonic system is, it remains ever the same, because it rests on the foundation of the same great principles—*brotherly love, relief, and truth.* As long as these form the basis on which all Masons work, there may be changes, but still our Order will endure and flourish. What then is the object of a society of men united by this bond of brotherhood, pledged to assist one another? Sworn to uphold the Truth? What end have they in view? One of the noblest, one of the most desired —*the Unity of Mankind.* It is owing to the neglect of the great principles of our Order that we see throughout the world division, war, and hatred, instead of unity, peace, and love. *Unity* has been the ideal of the civilised world. To secure it mankind has willingly made great sacrifices of personal and intellectual freedom, yet there seems something in the natural constitution of the human mind so averse to Unity, so prone to dissension, that discord and strife has ever broken out when an ideally united society has seemed nearest its realization. I allude to the two attempts to unite the civilized world in past times. One was an endeavour to make the world as one by the supremacy of one strong *physical* force; the other to subdue the world by a great moral power. The first was the Roman Empire. It was the grand outcome of ancient Greek and Roman civilization. It was so majestic that even after it was really dissolved the greatest men were awed by the shadow of its name. Even when Europe was most hopelessly divided among petty princes, it was in theory united under the sway of a German king, who had assumed the title of the Roman Cæsars, a title which was only abandoned seventy-four years ago. Throughout the Middle Ages, the noblest longed for the restoration of this great Unity of Empire. The ideal of perfection of government in the thoughts of no less a man than Dante was an Universal monarchy. But a student of history will tell us that the very time in which the world was really united under this Empire was a season of universal depravity. Nothing seems to have tended more to corrupt mankind than the long peace which the dominion of the Cæsars secured. The virtues of patriotism, courage and domestic affection disappeared, and were replaced by selfishness, cowardice, cruelty, and lust. The great reason in my mind for this general depravity was the absence of personal responsibility; no one had any direct influence on the welfare of the society in which he lived, and the result was that the practice of those virtues needed for the honour and preservation of a State were entirely neglected. Political unity did not elevate the mind or conduce to the happiness of mankind. The second attempt was to subdue the world under one supreme moral power. This was made by the mediæval Popes. Though divided into numberless political governments, the whole of Europe obeyed the voice of the man who was universally regarded as the representative of the Most High upon earth. Go where you would, from the ice-bound fields of Norway to the fertile slopes of Sicily, there was one religion. All men were bound together by the ties of a common faith. Political unity had failed to benefit mankind, but surely this catholicity of religion would secure the true welfare of all. Yet no political tyranny has been found so unsupportable as the religious domination of the Papacy. I may say, nothing has degraded the human intellect more. The ignorance, the cruelty, and the misery of the Middle Ages cannot fail to show us that an absolute unity of thought is not only opposed to all progress towards true happiness, but is the greatest cause of mental degradation in the human race. The great Revolution, in which Europe shook off the yoke it had borne

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P.M.'s, and he considered it a great honour to see them all present at this his Installation evening. He should endeavour to the utmost of his ability to tread in their footsteps, and to emulate their excellent example. He felt sure he could count upon the kind assistance of the brethren in carrying out the responsible duties of his position. It would be his constant endeavour to maintain the integrity of the Lodge, in which, during the six years he had been connected with it, no unpleasantness had ever occurred. It would be a source of gratification to him if in the coming year the members were cemented in closer friendship and harmony. If they were a united body in support of the principles of Masonry he believed there was a great and prosperous future for The Great City Lodge. The Charity Box having been passed round, it was announced that the contents thereof amounted to £2 19s 3d. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiate. He had very great pleasure in calling the attention of the brethren to this toast, which he described as one always received with great *éclat* at Masonic gatherings. In fact, it was one really essential to the existence of Freemasonry. Bro. Matthews briefly replied. The next toast, the W.M. said, was also one well received in The Great City Lodge, and indeed in most others—it was that of the Visitors, of whom they had that evening a very numerous assembly. The W.M. assured them all that they were most heartily welcome, and he hoped they would so far enjoy themselves as to desire to come again. Bro. Jones, in reply, said although the present was his first visit to the Lodge, he took a kindly interest in its welfare, because he owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Townend, one of its Past Masters, who officiated as Deacon on the occasion of his (Bro. Jones's) initiation in the Panmure Lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on his installation into the chair of The Great City Lodge, and also the members on their having such a brother to preside over the destinies of their Lodge. Bro. Fisher followed. He desired to congratulate the members on the reputation their Lodge had attained. He had visited very many Lodges, but on no previous occasion had he seen such an array of Visitors as was that evening present—a fact which, in his estimation, clearly showed the great popularity of the Lodge. The next toast on the list was "The Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters." The W.M. considered this a very important toast. The I.P.M. himself should be the subject of a long speech, as also should the Installing Master; and when, added to these, they coupled the rest of the Past Masters of the Lodge, the W.M. felt that words would not sufficiently express his feelings. Every step taken by the I.P.M. had but enhanced the good feeling evinced towards him by the members, who fully appreciated the painstaking and active part he had taken in the affairs of the Lodge ever since its foundation. During the time he was an assistant Officer the Lodge attained in some respects the celebrity it now enjoyed, by the admirable way in which he performed his duties. He had upheld the dignity of the Lodge during his term of office, and as some slight token of their appreciation of his services, the brethren desired his acceptance of a P.M.'s jewel. In presenting it, the W.M. expressed a hope that Bro. Blackie might live many years to wear it, and desired that he would accept it with the same hearty spirit with which it was presented. The W.M. referred to the services of the other Past Masters, and then called on the brethren to honour the toast. Bro. Blackie, in reply, tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. The W.M. had said that the Past Masters of the Lodge had been instrumental in bringing the Lodge to the position it then occupied; in this particular he had got off very lightly. Still, he hoped that his term of office had added to the reputation of the Lodge. In discharging his duties he had not been unmindful of the cause of charity, and it was with pleasure he referred to the list he took up at the Festival of the Girls' School, which amounted to no less a sum than £116, it being ninth as regarded amount out of between two and three hundred. He need hardly remind the brethren that The Great City Lodge had always had the claims of charity before it, nor express a hope that that virtue would never be forgotten so long as the Lodge lasted. He had specially to thank them for the token of their respect they had that night, at the hands of the W.M., placed on his breast; it would ever be to him a happy reminder of the year he had passed as W.M. of the Lodge. Bro. Stevens followed. On this night they were, so to speak, celebrating their first apprenticeship in the cause of Freemasonry. The older members had, as it were, now handed over the Lodge to the younger ones, and he trusted that in another seven years they might be able to hand it on in as flourishing a state as they now received it. To his mind, The Great City had been a pattern Lodge, forgetting neither hospitality nor charity. He hoped that the reputation the Lodge had attained would stimulate those to whom its future management would be entrusted to an ever increasing desire to improve it. Each of the other Past Masters said a few words in acknowledgment of the toast, and then the W.M. proposed the Treasurer and the Secretary, to which Bros. Headon and Blackie replied, while The Officers was acknowledged by Bro. S.W. and others. A well merited compliment was paid to the musical brethren (Bros. H. Bertram, W. Frost, T. W. Hanson, C. Beckett, and Kempton), after which the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the concluding toast, the brethren separating after a pleasant evening. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Mann P.M. 186, F. Vincent 1861, C. A. Smith 1326, F. T. Hollands 186, E. Blake 507, W. S. Morris 72, W. Snodin I.G. 157, C. J. Turner W.M. 157, F. J. Smith P.P.A.D. of C., W. A. Frost 1728, T. Poore P.M. 720, J. Laurence W.M. 1326, A. Triggs J.D. 157, W. D. Partridge S.W. 1445, W. Paddle J.W. 1351, G. W. Saul P.M. 1201, C. T. Mariner 1669, J. E. Randell 145, T. W. Postans 34, H. Ducher 1687, E. G. Johnson 1804, James Garner W.M. 975, W. Kipps 1275, J. A. Jones S.D. 1766, J. B. Burnand 1766, J. W. Medwin 1613, T. Harper J.W. 1216, H. J. Amphlett 1511, John Doddrell 111, R. Whittington 1613, W. R. Chegwin 1815, F. W. Fisher P.M. 193, C. Lawrence 1804, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. Tayler, J. Ll. Jones P.M. 657 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, T. W. Jenkins P.M. 34, E. J. Scott P.M. 749, E. E. 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ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THIS flourishing Lodge held its installation meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Bros. J. Hancock W.M., J. B. Docker S.W., Crosland J.W., L. Beck P.M. P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Green sen. as I.G., Livermore D.C., Berrow Organist, Past Master B. S. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, and a numerous attendance of members; while the Visitors included the R.W. Col. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, who, on entering, was received with Masonic honours. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. Bros. Ducher and Shaw were passed to the second degree. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. B. Docker S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Louis Beck P.M., in the presence of nineteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s. Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P. and Dr. Ramsay occupied the Wardens' chairs. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom; he then appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Hancock I.P.M., Crosland S.W., Duret J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Livermore S.D., Green sen. J.D., Vallenani I.G., Lloyd D.C., B. S. Swallow P.M. W.S., W. S. Berrow Organist, Potter Tyler. The applause, on the conclusion of the investiture, showed the W.M. had made a good selection. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren—fifty-seven in number—adjourned to a larger and more commodious room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Gosden. The banner of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, as Duke of Rothesay, was placed over the W.M.'s chair. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung by Bro. Arthur Thomas. The toast of His Royal Highness the Duke of Rothesay was then proposed, and Bro. Cantle sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." After the toast of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Bro. Berrow played a solo on the pianoforte. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and of the rest of the Grand Officers, said how pleased he was to be honoured by the presence of the noble and distinguished Brother Col. Sir Francis Burdett R.W. Grand Master of Middlesex; it was indeed an especial honour for the Lodge. They had also among them another very respected brother, distinguished in the Craft. Bro. A. H. Lloyd then sang "The Anchor's Weighed." Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, in responding, said he was pleased with the manner in which the toast had been proposed. He felt some difficulty, however, in replying. Lord Lathom is a Mason of the highest order as a worker in the Craft. The Grand Officers were always ready to do their duty in every shape, and the manner in which the brethren had received the toast assured him their efforts had given satisfaction. Personally he was much gratified to see how well the duties had been performed in the Lodge. Indeed, he might say it was a field day. In the name of the Grand Officers he begged to thank the brethren. Bro. J. Hancock I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., who was perfect in the work of his Lodge, and he was sure he would be able to carry out the duties. After a song from Bro. Cantle, the W.M. thanked Bro. Hancock for his kind remark: all his energies would be for the welfare of the Lodge, and he trusted that they would be to the satisfaction of the members. To the toast of the Visitors Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P., Danks, Cook, Dr. Ramsay, and Dean, responded. With the toast of the Past Masters was coupled the names of Bros. Hancock and Kirk, who both responded. The Treasurer and Secretary were in due course toasted, and those Officers—Bros. L. Beck and Parsons—acknowledged the compliment, while Bros. Crosland and Dent replied for the Officers. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Among the Visitors were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Dr. Ramsay P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, E. Farwig P.M. 180, Dean P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, Cameron P.M. 180, Scott P.M., Dairey P.M., Shand W.M. elect 1563, Dicketts 193, Hill 1563, Crook 1648, W. Carrington 1791, De Leliva 1426, H. Denford 1138, Danks 1101, Cross 1612, Heather 858, Prickett 1101, J. J. Cantle P.M. 1257, Cloots 1563, Crook 442, McNaughten 127, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 5th October. Bros. Wardell W.M., Clark S.W., Brasted J.W., Polak S.D., Christian J.D., Caton I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smyth Treas.; also Bros. Dallas, Carr, C. Lorkin, and others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the 1st ceremony, Bro. Smyth acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to first. Bro. Brasted worked the first, Bro. C. Lorkin second, and Bro. Christian the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 2nd November, at 7 o'clock. Bro. C. Lorkin will preside.

On Tuesday, 12th October, Bros. Clark W.M., Polak S.W., Wardell J.W., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Christian S.D., Catlin J.D., Carr I.G.; also Bros. Dallas, Williams, Larter, Greenwood, Hall. Bro. Williams, a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed. Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARGARET'S LODGE, No. 1872.

THE Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., assisted by the principal of his Officers, consecrated this Lodge on Saturday, 9th October, at the St. Mark's School-room, Surbiton. The whole of the proceedings passed off in a manner calculated to afford the greatest satisfaction to those who had taken a part in the foundation and launch of the new Lodge. General Brownrigg occupied the chair during the consecration ceremony, and was supported by Bros. Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chap. Dep. G.M. of the Province, Samuel G. Kirchoffer 1714 Prov. S.G.W., George K. Paxon 416 Prov. J.G.W., Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, M.A., 1616 Prov. G. Chap., Charles Greenwood 410 Prov. G. Sec., H. E. Frances 1556 Prov. G.D. of C., &c. &c. The regular business of consecration having been proceeded with, and the brethren constituted into a regular Lodge, the Prov. G. Chaplain was called upon to deliver the address on the nature and principles of Freemasonry customary on such occasions. In answer to the call Bro. Foakes-Jackson proceeded as follows:—"Masonry is something more than an interesting relic of the past. It is a living power, possessing all the dignity of hoary age; it has still the fresh vigour of youth. We can look upon its honourable past without feeling regret for its departed glories. Indeed, the study of the annals of Freemasonry only inspires us with confident hopes of its future greatness. The present ceremony revives in us both memories of the past and hopes for the future. The solemn rites remind us of the antiquity of our Order, whilst the very fact that we are solemnly consecrating a new Lodge in honour of the Most High makes us look forward to the time when Masonry shall be even more widely extended, and its principles more firmly upheld than they now are. I forbear entering into the history of our Order; doubtless there are many older and more experienced Masons present who are more versed in this subject than I. Let us consider the object for which we are working as Masons, regarding the glories of the past as chiefly valuable in inciting us to future exertions. Masonry is truly a living power, and the greatest proof of this appears to be its great adaptability to the requirements of every time and circumstance. Its history is one of change and development. In early times our brethren were undoubtedly operative Masons, gradually the Craft became a system of morality. The implements with which our antient brethren wrought have become symbols of moral forces. The columns they erected and the arches they constructed are now considered by us as sermons in stones on the social duties of mankind. But, changed as the Masonic system is, it remains ever the same, because it rests on the foundation of the same great principles—*brotherly love, relief, and truth.* As long as these form the basis on which all Masons work, there may be changes, but still our Order will endure and flourish. What then is the object of a society of men united by this bond of brotherhood, pledged to assist one another? Sworn to uphold the Truth? What end have they in view? One of the noblest, one of the most desired —*the Unity of Mankind.* It is owing to the neglect of the great principles of our Order that we see throughout the world division, war, and hatred, instead of unity, peace, and love. *Unity* has been the ideal of the civilised world. To secure it mankind has willingly made great sacrifices of personal and intellectual freedom, yet there seems something in the natural constitution of the human mind so averse to Unity, so prone to dissension, that discord and strife has ever broken out when an ideally united society has seemed nearest its realization. I allude to the two attempts to unite the civilized world in past times. One was an endeavour to make the world as one by the supremacy of one strong *physical* force; the other to subdue the world by a great moral power. The first was the Roman Empire. It was the grand outcome of ancient Greek and Roman civilization. It was so majestic that even after it was really dissolved the greatest men were awed by the shadow of its name. Even when Europe was most hopelessly divided among petty princes, it was in theory united under the sway of a German king, who had assumed the title of the Roman Cæsars, a title which was only abandoned seventy-four years ago. Throughout the Middle Ages, the noblest longed for the restoration of this great Unity of Empire. The ideal of perfection of government in the thoughts of no less a man than Dante was an Universal monarchy. But a student of history will tell us that the very time in which the world was really united under this Empire was a season of universal depravity. Nothing seems to have tended more to corrupt mankind than the long peace which the dominion of the Cæsars secured. The virtues of patriotism, courage and domestic affection disappeared, and were replaced by selfishness, cowardice, cruelty, and lust. The great reason in my mind for this general depravity was the absence of personal responsibility; no one had any direct influence on the welfare of the society in which he lived, and the result was that the practice of those virtues needed for the honour and preservation of a State were entirely neglected. Political unity did not elevate the mind or conduce to the happiness of mankind. The second attempt was to subdue the world under one supreme moral power. This was made by the mediæval Popes. Though divided into numberless political governments, the whole of Europe obeyed the voice of the man who was universally regarded as the representative of the Most High upon earth. Go where you would, from the ice-bound fields of Norway to the fertile slopes of Sicily, there was one religion. All men were bound together by the ties of a common faith. Political unity had failed to benefit mankind, but surely this catholicity of religion would secure the true welfare of all. Yet no political tyranny has been found so unsupportable as the religious domination of the Papacy. I may say, nothing has degraded the human intellect more. The ignorance, the cruelty, and the misery of the Middle Ages cannot fail to show us that an absolute unity of thought is not only opposed to all progress towards true happiness, but is the greatest cause of mental degradation in the human race. The great Revolution, in which Europe shook off the yoke it had borne so long, was infinitely beneficial, not only to the religion of those who separated from the Roman church, but to the Christianity of those who remained within its pale. Absolute political anti-religious unity has been attempted, but the very attempt has proved they are not desirable. Hardly two faces in the world are exactly alike. It is said that the very leaves on the trees differ from one another. Can we expect that every man will think the same as we do? Can we expect to force the whole world to agree with us? Then you may say, in seeking unity, Masonry is striving to attain an end grand enough in theory, but impossible and even undesirable in practice. But we seek a truer unity. I would ask you whether the ideas of unity we have just considered are not false ones, and rest on no sure foundation. For men were united by force; the Union was that of slaves under a common master, not of freemen held together by a common bond. The true foundation of unity is the same as that of the Masonic system—Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth. Unity, established on these principles, must be the object of all Masons. To them our Order owes its success. Look at the diversities of religious and political ideas among our brethren. How could they be at peace were it not for the true brotherly love existing between them? Masons may differ in race, language, and habits, but they all agree that they belong to one common brotherhood; they are united by a chain which can hardly be seen, but which is beyond human power to break, so great is the strength of brotherly love. One whose name all reverence said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' We are bound by a tie even stronger than gratitude to those whom we have helped. As Masons, if we relieve the needy in their affliction, if we seek the solace of our own distress, by extending relief and consolation to our fellow men, we shall be drawn to them by a strong feeling of love; and by the practice of relief, the great active principle of Masonry, increase the unity of our race. And, lastly, we must strive for Truth, and we must welcome and help every one who is seeking that great blessing. We may doubt whether his way is the right way; we may consider the means he uses inferior to ours; but if we can honestly in our own hearts acknowledge that such an one is really engaged in this noble pursuit, let us throw petty differences aside, and extend to him the hand of brotherhood, ready to give him our help, love, and sympathy. If all true men united in this manner, the Mason's task would be accomplished, and his hopes realized. But when will that be? Perhaps never on earth. But is that any reason we should not strive to attain it? No; for it is by noble aims on earth that we hope to approach higher things; and with the universal confession of all Masons that there is a life beyond the grave, we dare not say 'it is no use aiming high, for we confine our hopes to earth.' We know not but that our failures here may be crowned by success hereafter." At the conclusion of the oration the brethren signified their appreciation of the speaker's efforts in a most enthusiastic manner. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings was then proceeded with, and the Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, the Dep. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Arnold) assumed the chair, and proceeded to instal the first W.M. of the Lodge—Bro. Rev. R. Fawssett Ward P.M.—who in turn appointed and invested the Officers for the year:—Bro. J. B. Boucher P.M. S.W., Col. W. A. M. Barnard P.M., W. J. Clayton (elected) Treas., and Townley Sec. Bros. Gibbs and Alderson were also appointed to office. The Visitors present during the day were numerous, and among their number was the R.W. the Prov. G.M. for Middlesex Sir Francis Burdett. The brethren afterwards partook of banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured. We understand that this Lodge will meet ten times during the year, on only one of which it is proposed to hold a banquet, the founders being desirous of promoting the interest of Freemasonry without the, to some, questionable advantage of the addition to the three established degrees of the knife and fork element. We wish them success, and trust it may be our privilege to record, from time to time, the advance of St. Margaret's Lodge, now one of the youngest on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

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emerged either a complete wreck, or so far disabled as to require entire re-organisation. There a society or club, enjoying the respect and approval of the outer world, has, through an apparently insignificant defect, suddenly found itself in a position from which there was no possibility of escape, and, as a result, ruin has followed. In how many instances disasters of this character could be traced to the action of a small minority, aye, of even a single individual, no one can say, but there can be no doubt that many of the most prosperous associations have been brought to an untimely end by the action of one of their number, who, either by making himself obnoxious to the others, or by opposing everything that might be brought forward, has been the means of driving away those who love peace and harmony. It not unfrequently happens that this obnoxious element shields itself under the guise of desiring to benefit others; but the experience of the past should be sufficient to disabuse the majority on this point. The man who really acts for the good of his fellows is he who bows to the decision of the majority, and not only gives way to them in theory, but in thought and action also. It is useless for a man to preach that he has the interests of the whole body of members of a society at heart, and at the same time to act in such a way as to offend one-half of the number, and disgust the majority of the remainder; yet there are some who do so act, and whenever a proposition is brought forward to amend or expunge a rule, which, in the opinion of the bulk of those interested, requires alteration, make it their business to impede the endeavours of the others to the utmost of their power. What to do with these obstructionists is a question that has exercised the minds of all classes, and as it seems impossible to define the limits of actual criticism, we imagine it will ever remain an unsolved problem. It would be no very difficult task to gather particulars which would conclusively prove how often an obnoxious member of a club or society has caused the breaking up of the organisation; indeed, it is well known in club circles that in many instances a dissolution has been forced upon the majority of the members by the action of one man, there being no other means of excluding him or reducing him to reason. In most instances these objectionable members of society take particular care to become acquainted with every device, likely to annoy their fellows, without rendering themselves amenable to the penalties provided by the rules; and, from the frequency with which they quote the bye-laws, and demand the exercise of this or that privilege, it is very evident they do not err from a want of knowledge of their subject. To what, then, can we attribute their continued opposition? In some cases, no doubt, the individual is naturally of a quarrelsome disposition, and, were we inclined to allow that a man is not master of his passions, we should have to say that he could not help thus annoying others; but we imagine there are few who would agree with us were we to do so, or who would allow him, under that pretext, to continue his annoy-

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surprised at this, though, at first sight,
people should ask to be invited, when,
se, there will be an extension to all
pitality for which Bro. Lord Mayor
stly earned a reputation. There have
therings of the brethren in past years,
eigning house have taken part in them;
e of any occasion on which the Lord
being, and a distinguished Mason, hold-
Grand Lodge to boot, has Masonically
ined at his official residence a Prince of
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d we have every reason to anticipate,
pass off as successfully as grand recep-
n the grand Old City of London.

HE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE

olence met on Wednesday evening, at Free-
Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., Senior Vice
James Brett P.G.P., Junior Vice President as
J. M. Case P.G.D., as Junior Vice President
ke G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd; and
A. Cottebrune, G. P. Britten, C. F. Hogard,
le, S. Rawson, W. Stephens, H. Massey, and
ren confirmed recommendations of grants to
There were thirty-four cases on the new list,
granted,—£940. One case was refused, and
deferred for consideration at next meeting,

ROYAL ARCH.

ON CHAPTER, No. 619.

vocation of this Chapter was held at the
ern, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, 14th Oct.,
pter has now been removed from the Horns
Comps. J. Wyer M.E.Z., H. Thompson H., and
her Companions present were A. Avory P.Z.
P.Z. S.E., Jacobs P.Z., Costo P.Z., Pridmore,
ham, and the following Visitors:—Comps.
86, Godfrey 180, and Cook 55. The Chapter
opened, the minutes of the last convocation
d. A ballot then took place for Bro. Samuel
an Lodge, No. 45, and it being unanimous in
oduced and most impressively exalted into
he whole of the Officers being well up to the
degree. This being election night, the next
on of the Principals and other Officers for the
each case the votes were unanimous. The
as follows:—Comps. H. Thompson M.E.Z.,
J., A. Avory Treasurer, Green S.E., Dawes
Bavin Janitor. The audit committee having
pasions adjourned to the banqueting room,
past was prepared by host Comp. Wood.
cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given

body. Comp. Wood returned that
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which he had passed, excelling any
masonry. The Visitors was the ne
Turner, Godfrey, and Cook respon
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of the hospitality they had receive
they had witnessed in the Chapter
very harmonious meeting to a close.

St. Aubyn Chapter.—A con
ton Masonic Hall, Devonport, on M
of installation was carried out by
Officers installed or appointed were
J. R. Dugdale H., Thomas Heath J., T
S.N., W. H. Egbert P.S., J. Baxter A
took part in the ceremony were—E.
P.P.G. 1st Asst. Sojourner, E. Aitken
P.Z., E. D. Paine P.Z. 202, J. R.
freshment in the adjacent rooms, wh
honoured, finished an instructive and

Metropolitan Chapter of Im
ing for the season of this Chapter
Tuesday evening, 12th October, at
Michael's Alley, and was well attende
Masons. The offices were filled as fol
H., Lander J., Brown Preceptor S.E.,
and Walker candidate. The other Com
Lilley, H. Thompson, Kirke, Gillard,
J. Constable, Payne, and Edwards. T
gone through, the whole of the work
showing that this Chapter of Improve
reputation. Comp. W. Fraser, of the
No. 214, was elected a member. The
Officers for the next two meetings:—C
and Lander J. The meetings of this
continuously until May next.

It having been thought by a great nu
Province that some public effort should
Masonic Educational Fund, a meeting wa
evening by Bro. Gover Hon. Secretary,
into consideration the advisability of hol
of the Fund. Amongst those present w
Cawsey, Powell, Mitchell, Moon, V. Bir
Marsh, Davies, Westcott, Lord, Jew, Cr
large number of brethren representing
Rev. Bro. Whittley was unanimously vote
remarked that nothing had been done pat
Province since the visit of the Prince
England, and it was felt that the prestige
clothing, under a dispensation from the R
ton P.G. Master, would ensure a financial
charity; and further that it would recom
He had also communicated with the P.G.
fullest and warmest sympathy with the I
utmost to make it a success. Bro. Moon
tion of various Committees necessary f
object. It was resolved that a concert be
15th of December, and that the several
following brethren:—Musical Committe
Binding, and Hearder. Patronage Committ
Jew, Curteis, Moore, and Colonel Fitz
mittee—Bros. Rev. Whittley, Curteis, Cr
Westcott, Mitchell, Powell, K. Bond, Caws
jun. It was also the unanimous wish that B
to all the Committees. The meeting was br

make this more apparent by the following illustration. When a man who has a banking account dies, his bankers must decline to honour any of his cheques which may be presented after the day of his decease. If they did not do so, they would become liable to his executors or administrators for the amount of such cheques, and why? Because they are no longer, as in his lifetime, the firm with which he had a banking account, but the custodians or trustees of his money, for which they are accountable to his representatives. But though they must not pay away even the smallest fraction of the moneys he had lodged with them, that would not justify a third party in withholding payment of any sum he might have borrowed from the deceased. The only difference would be that the debt would become payable to the legal representatives of the latter. Perhaps, some will say the parallelism will not hold in this case, because the transaction was of a personal character. Allowing this, merely for the sake of argument, I will put the case thus. A trustee who, in the exercise of the powers vested in him, had lent (say) a Mr. Jones £100, on certain conditions as to repayment, dies. Can it, for one moment, be suggested that Mr. Jones's obligation to refund such £100 in accordance with such conditions ceases on that account? Again, when a man estimates the value of his property, he includes in such valuation all sums that may be due to him, but these do not cease to be a portion of such property at his death. In either case—that of the trustee who lent money to Mr. Jones, or the man who justly reckoned all sums owing to him as a part of his property—the obligation to repay, both legally and morally, remains, though the moneys must be returned to the trust fund or the estate. This, whether we regard the late Bro. Cox as having acted as trustee in the matter of the Boys' votes belonging to Norths and Hunts, or as having lent such votes on his own responsibility, or even the votes he was entitled to use in his individual capacity, is an accurate presentation of the circumstances as they stood at the time of his death. Whether, as was actually the case, the votes lent to the London Charity Organisation belonged to the Province before mentioned or to himself, the obligation to return them at the election just terminated remained, and Bro. Terry, as Bro. Cox's duly accredited representative in the vote-trusteeship of Norths and Hunts, was justly entitled to receive and use them.

I should think the Association, after your exposure of its singular notions of morality, must be heartily ashamed of itself, and I trust the London brethren who are not responsible for its administration, or who have not yet joined it, will be chary of having anything further, or whatever, to do with it—at all events until they are completely satisfied that all such engagements as it contracted with the late Bro. Cox will be honourably and unhesitatingly fulfilled.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

HONORIS CAUSA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to supplement the account in your leader of 16th October last, under the above heading, with the further information that the late Bro. Cox was a Past Senior Warden of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and also an active member of the Charity Committee organised in this Province for the express object of superintending all matters connected with the various Masonic Charities.

Bro. Cox was not, therefore, a "*foreign agent*," *but one of ourselves*, deputed to manipulate the votes of the Province at the time of the different elections, to the best of his judgment. It was with my own knowledge and consent, on behalf of my brethren, that votes were loaned and borrowed from time to time, and I am sure, in the instance you now refer to, had the obligations been the other way, the death of our late lamented Bro. Cox would not have prevented the other members of our Charity Committee fulfilling their moral or legal liability in such a matter.

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, and I do not think any better method of con-
ld well have been devised than the catechetical.
erable experience of these Lodges of Instruction,
it known, is chiefly personal, though, in a slight
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r who attends one in the belief that he will
by what he has witnessed and heard, labours
us mistake. Mind, I do not assert that he will
e at all. He will see the ceremonies more or
ed, and the sections will be similarly worked,
chiefly verbal in its character. If he should
try and quit the beaten path of opening and
he three degrees, rehearsing ceremonies, and
l expresses a hope that the Preceptor, or some
brother, will favour the Lodge with something
tion, his request will excite quite a feeling of
the Officers and regular attendants. In other
ther brother is desirous of becoming letter-
ns and ceremonies, I shall be a welcome addi-
Instruction, but if I am blessed with a some-
d, and am anxious to have two or three points
ined; if I ask for a reconciliation by the Pre-
r to be incongruities, I have good reason to
sk in vain. If I am pressed to account for this
wer at once that, with a few noteworthy excep-
ho act as Preceptors are utterly incompetent.
possess is purely verbal, and almost any one
be conveniently and amusingly replaced by a
They are incapable of imparting even the little
ss to those who go to them for instruction,
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public as instructors of Freemasonry who have
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ight be made so edifying as well as so service-
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sixpenny worth of commodities? Is it not dis-
, when it allows a brother, who is even ignorant
to enact weekly the farce of imparting to others
long as he lives, he will never be able to appre-

In the study of arts and sciences competent
, but in Masonry any ignoramus who has leisure
pond may play the part of teacher. As a rule,
a kind of parrot, gets on well enough as long as
ition of the same words in a given order is
ust, therefore, do him the justice to say that,
instruction he is at home, and it is only neces-
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verily believe if I rose in my place in his Lodge
sion of the W.M., read a paper for the purpose
id the mathematician was identical with Moses
thy friend, the Preceptor—such, of course, as
would be the first on his legs to propose me
honorary membership of the Lodge as some
of the valuable contribution to Masonic know-
pervi ed to hear from me on that occasion.
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step in that direction will undoubtedly be to
brethren to fill the office of Preceptor.
n I will return to the subject in a future
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but fate rules otherwise, and so I ar
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Bro. Luna P.M. proposes as an
motion the following:—"That the n
Committees be elected for life, and
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they may select to succeed them, in
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Having thus relieved my mind, I
resume my studies of the third degree
mysteries thereof.

I have the honour to remain,

You

Hanwell, 5th October 1880.

[We must apologise for having
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We trust this excuse will release
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Ed. F.C.]

We hear that it is probable that full M
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invited guests, in addition to the Lord M
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number of Grand Officers, though necessa
Provincial Grand Masters of England,
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the chair." These, with a few personal
will, it is expected, fill the Egyptian Hall
of Honour will be furnished by the Hon
Mr. Sheriff Fowler and Mr. Sheriff Water

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—The first meeting of the session 1880-1 was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. John Early Danks Prov. Grand Senior Warden Berks and Bucks W.M., W. G. Flanagan I.P.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, R. Dowsett S.D., Rev. C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., W. Hickie Organist, R. C. Prickett Steward, T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. R. C. Hurley Past Prov. Grand Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks, E. Margrett; Bros. Ravenscroft, Bailey, Rhind, Weatherhead, West, Mace, Collins, Hukins. Visitors—Bros. S. A. Pocock P.M. 414 and Tench 1225. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Goff, timber merchant, of Reading, and he was declared to be elected. Bro. Mace, being a candidate to be passed to the second degree, replied to the usual questions, and retired to be prepared. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Mace was passed to the degree of F.C. The lecture and charge in this degree were deferred to a future time, in consequence of the agenda paper being full of business. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place, resulting in the S.W. Bro. W. Ferguson being chosen to fill that important office; he was accordingly congratulated, and appropriately returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. He then nominated Bros. Blackwell, W. Ridley, Newman, and Hawkes as the Banquet Stewards in November. Bro. J. T. Stransom was again unanimously elected as Treasurer, and congratulated upon his successful management of the finances of the Lodge. Bro. Stransom, in a brief speech, returned thanks, for the eighth time, on his appointment as Treasurer, and expressed the hope that he should be supported by the punctual contributions of the members, so that he might keep the balance on the right side of the book. The Tyler, Bro. Hemmings, was re-elected, and returned thanks. Bro. Hurley P.M. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks addressed the Lodge, and stated that he had much pleasure in moving—"That the best thanks of the members of the Grey Friars Lodge be given to Bro. Danks for the able manner in which he has carried on the duties of Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the past year, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him at the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held in November, and that this motion be entered upon the minutes." As one of the founders of the Lodge, he wished to bear testimony to the admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted, which had not been surpassed since the consecration of the Lodge; and he trusted the members would accord a unanimous vote on the present occasion. Bro. Margrett P.M. had much pleasure in seconding Bro. Hurley's motion; he felt that no Master deserved the compliment more than Bro. Danks. The motion was unanimously carried, with acclamation. The W.M., in returning thanks, expressed himself as overcome by the flattering expressions of his predecessors in office, and assured the brethren that though he had worked very hard, still he considered it had been but a labour of love for his mother Lodge; he also said that it required no present of gold or silver to remind him of the kindness of the brethren, and of the courtesy and assistance of his Officers. After the proposing of candidates for initiation and the usual ceremonies and salutations, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren retired for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, Ship Hotel, where an agreeable evening was spent.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—On Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. J. Edwards W.M., H. Hallows S.W., J. Mustart J.W., J. A. Reed S.D., G. Clark J.D., T. Upward I.G.; P.M. Bro. T. Franklin; also Bro. Jarman. All formalities having

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perform the ceremony, as well as to the brethren for
to the work. Lodge having been closed in the thi
and work resumed in the first, the chair was taker
I.P.M., when Bro. Davey having been examined
Lodge was re-advanced to the second degree, and
to that of Fellow Craft. Lodge having been resume
two propositions were submitted by the Wor. Master
by Bro. C. Galpin, after which Bro. Moody, ha
the permission of the W.M. to offer a few remarks, es
mended the brethren to attend as frequently as poss
of Instruction connected with the parent Lodge, whic
every alternate Tuesday at the New Tun, Hall-street
then closed, after hearty good wishes from the V
supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were
Hodgson (Tenor, Magdalen College) and Mills-Parker
greatly to the harmony of the evening, while Bro.
very effective recitation of Othello's Apology. It sh
that Bro. Bowden P.P.G.P. responded for the toast of
Officers, and Bros. Bowden and Green for that of the V
toast of the W.M.'s health was, usual, most warmly r

St. John's Lodge, Maidenhead, No. 795.—
was held on Wednesday, the 13th October, at Bro. D
Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Bros. P.M. John Pinch 17
Skollard S.W., C. J. Innes S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A.
I.G., John Greenfield 1602 D.C., Nowell Tyler. The pri
ness was the installation of Bro. P.M. Finch, the I.G. of th
W.M., and the investiture of the Officers as above. The c
installation was powerfully and impressively performe
Allen P.M. 173, who attended with a large number c
from the Phœnix Lodge, to render to Bro. Finchall the h
could upon this occasion, and to show the way in which he
and loved by the brethren of his mother Lodge. Bro. Alle
sequently unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. T
present the following P.M.'s of the Lodge, viz., Foulger, H
Harvey, with many visitors, including Bro. Weaver P.M. 8
was closed in due form, when the brethren had an oppo
enjoying the lovely scenery in the neighbourhood, and after
at a banquet, served by Bro. Deacon in his well-known st
usual toasts were given, and the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Sh
proposed by P.M. Foulger, and drunk, in his unavoidable
through sickness, for which much regret was expressed by t
bers of the Lodge, by whom he is universally beloved. Bro.
field responded for Bro. P.M. Sharpe, claiming a right to do
friend of many years' standing. The brethren returned to
an early train, in saloon carriages provided by the Great
Railway Company, who invariably do all in their power to s
comfort of the brethren of this admirably conducted Lodge, t
it is expected there will be a considerable influx of joinin
bers from No. 173 and No. 180, several members of those
having expressed their intention of joining before next May n

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Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.—M
of the Craft assembled in considerable number at the White
Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 18th inst., to
the working of the Fifteen Sections by the members. Bro.
Rose P.M. 73, 1475 and 1622, presided as W.M., and was sup
by Bros. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871, Preceptor of th
Lodge of Instruction, as S.W., Coen 169 as J.W., Hilton J.D. 1
S.D., Taylor 1531 as J.D, Gloster S.D. 1326, P.M. 1531, a
Griffin P.M. 933, W.M. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, Preceptor
Treasurer of the Lodge, as I.P.M., and Gibson H...

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. 1732, S. J. Newman 1764,
1288, Frank Johnson 1816,
ish W.M. 1366, Lonis Bam-
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dall 1732, Thomas Willcox
e Treas. 1602, Alfred Kent
Silvester 193, E. Storr I.G.
ore S.W. 217, W. Banbery
Read P.M. 511, Bradshaw
B. Carter Junior Deacon
f France, E. E. Barratt
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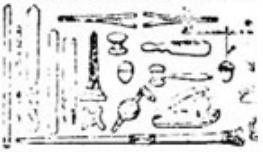
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METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London. As usual, the assemblage was a large one, the attendance, both of members and visitors, being very great. The Officers present at the preliminary part of the proceedings were as follows:—Bros. C. J. Scales W.M., W. Side S.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732 J.W., Jas. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., Henry Stiles J.D., Henry Lovegrove D. of C., T. Gilbert jun. Steward, Geo. Clark jun. I.G., R. T. Kingham P.M., &c. After the usual preliminary business had been transacted the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. A. Burstow, E. J. Chant and M. J. Rowley were severally raised to the degree of Master Mason. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and formally received, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. William Side, was presented for the benefit of installation. Bro. James Willing jun. P.M. acted as Installing Master, and proceeded to place Bro. Side in the chair of the Lodge with the customary formalities. He having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. C. J. Scales Immediate Past Master, W. M. Stiles Senior Warden, H. Stiles J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., H. Lovegrove S.D., G. Clark J.D., T. Gilbert jun. I.G., J. Daly Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master by Bro. Side, who, in asking Bro. Scales to accept the gift, as a memento of his term of office, complimented him on the way in which the Lodge had been carried on during the past year. Bro. Scales suitably acknowledged the gift. The efficiency of the newly-appointed Officers was soon to be put to the test, for four gentlemen (Messrs. H. Y. Carter, Henry George Gent, James William Tubby and William P. Botly) offered themselves for initiation; they were at once introduced, and the ceremony worked, to their benefit, the W.M. and his assistants proving themselves *au fait* in their duties. A proposition, standing in the name of Bro. Michael, for the purpose of increasing the annual subscription, was then brought forward. Bro. Michael explained the reasons which had led him to make the proposal, and pointed out the desirability there was for the alteration. Bro. Willing seconded the proposition, which was eventually carried, but not until the pros and cons of the case had been argued with some spirit. Bro. W. B. Clarke especially threw all his energy into the discussion, and that too in a way which few others are capable of—indeed, we doubt if many Lodges can boast such a champion of their rights as can the Metropolitan in the person of Bro. Clarke. The Secretary then read a letter he had received from the daughter of a late member, whose recent death had left his widow and family in great distress; a proposition was made, and unanimously carried, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge towards relieving their present needs. The names of two gentlemen as candidates for initiation were then handed in, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a first-class repast awaited them. As usual, the Bros. Clemow personally superintended the banquet, and were untiring in their efforts to promote the comfort of the brethren. The following Visitors signed the attendance book, viz., Bros. J. W. Knight 1107 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, T. Walton P.M. 157, B. Kauffmann D.C. 1732, S. J. Newman 1764, Leon Jacobs J.D. 1732, J. G. W. Gwyer 1288, Frank Johnson 1816, A. J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502, Albert Fish W.M. 1366, Louis Bamberger P.M. 1366, A. Barfield P.M. 35, Frank Herold S.D. 1056, Wm. Hollingsworth W.M. 1185, J. Goodall 1732, Thomas Willcox 975, C. W. Hudson P.M. 315, S. Hollidge Treas. 1602, Alfred Kent 1125, C. F. Rooks, James Irvine 862, F. Silvester 193, E. Storr I.G. 167, Peter Burton I.G. 1828, H. J. Westmore S.W. 217, W. Banbery 217, C. Benwell 834, J. Fish 1475, George Read P.M. 511, Bradshaw Brown Grand Stewards, No. 1, Charles B. Carter Junior Deacon 1662, C. A. Reingpach Grand Orient of France, E. E. Barratt Kidder J.W. 12, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace was said, and then the W.M. proceeded with the usual toasts. The Loyal ones having been honoured, that of the Grand Officers was proposed, Bro. Bradshaw Brown responding. He referred to Grand Lodge as the Masonic Parliament—an Institution cherished by all Englishmen. The I.P.M. had very great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. The brethren had, he said, seen that night how capable Bro. Side was to fulfil the duties of the chair. He had acquitted himself most efficiently, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. The toast met a hearty reception, and the W.M. in reply said he felt it impossible to find words to express his thoughts; he was gratified beyond measure at the reception that had been accorded him, and hoped he should prove himself fit for the office he had undertaken. It would be his constant endeavour to advance the interests of the Craft, and of the Metropolitan Lodge in particular. He was proud of being Master of so distinguished a Lodge, and felt the brethren must participate in the gratification he experienced in being connected with a Lodge held in such high reputation as was the Metropolitan. No effort should be wanting on his part to render his term of office a success. He next proposed the health of the Past Masters. The brethren, having just had twelve months' experience of the I.P.M.'s capabilities, were well able to judge for themselves of the qualities he possessed. No brother could have taken a greater interest in promoting the welfare of the Lodge than he had done, and they could look back with pleasure to the evenings they had spent under his presidency; the W.M. referred, in a few well chosen words, to each of the other Past Masters who were present. Bro. Scales heartily thanked the brethren for their good feeling towards him, and for the handsome jewel they had presented him in the Lodge. Bro. Jas. Willing assured the brethren that the same spirit animated him as animated the other Past Masters, who were one and all desirous to do all they could for the benefit of the Lodge. They had witnessed the growth of the Lodge from insignificance to a position among the proudest of any in England, and it was but natural they should feel a pride in seeing the good work continued. Bros. Michael and Kingham each said a few words to a similar purport. The next toast the W.M. characterised as one he was sure the brethren of the Lodge would be proud to receive—that of the Initiates. Without them no Lodge could go on, and he personally felt it a great honour that he should have been called upon to initiate four on the first occasion of his occupying the chair. Each of the initiates responded, after which the toast of the Visitors was given from the chair. Bro. Read felt sure the Visitors were gratified at the reception they had received from the W.M. and other members of the Lodge. He was delighted at being present at the installation of Bro. Side, who, a few years since, he had had the pleasure of initiating into Freemasonry; he could not but help congratulating the brethren on having elected a brother so capable of fulfilling the duties of the chair. Bros. Barfield, Herold, and Irvine followed, each complimenting the W.M. on the prospects that were before him. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next honoured, Bro. Michael responding; after which that of the Officers was given, and briefly acknowledged by each in turn. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a termination.

Bertie Lodge, No. 1515, Oxford.—The regular meeting of this young but flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Oxford. Bro. R. Buckell W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers and members, namely, Bros. H. White S.W., C. Head J.W., F. Codd S.D., F. Dolley I.P.M., Charles Galpin P.M., H. Hodgson P.M., J. J. Colcutt Sec., R. Fernsby D.C., R. H. Hodgson Organist, J. Winstedt I.G., John Dover and Thomas Wheeler Stewards, Hortan, H. Piper, J. C. Castle, C. Martin, E. F. Greenwood, J. Richardson, B. Comfort, C. E. Veale, P. J. Davey, Edward Moody, and J. Mills-Parker. Visitors—Bros. Green Perseverance 351, and Bowden P.P.G.P. 340. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, it was advanced to the second degree, and the chair was taken by Bro. E. Moody P.M. and honorary member. Bro. Comfort was examined, entrusted, and retired, and the Lodge having been opened in the third degree, he was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Moody then expressed his sincere thanks to the W.M. for his courtesy in having allowed him to perform the ceremony, as well as to the brethren for their attention to the work. Lodge having been closed in the third and second, and work resumed in the first, the chair was taken by Bro. Dolley I.P.M., when Bro. Davey having been examined and entrusted, Lodge was re-advanced to the second degree, and he was passed to that of Fellow Craft. Lodge having been resumed to the first, two propositions were submitted by the Wor. Master, and seconded by Bro. C. Galpin, after which Bro. Moody, having obtained the permission of the W.M. to offer a few remarks, earnestly recommended the brethren to attend as frequently as possible the Lodge of Instruction connected with the parent Lodge, which, he said, met every alternate Tuesday at the New Tun, Hall-street. Lodge was then closed, after hearty good wishes from the Visitors. After supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bros. Hodgson (Tenor, Magdalen College) and Mills-Parker contributing greatly to the harmony of the evening, while Bro. Moody gave a very effective recitation of Othello's Apology. It should be added that Bro. Bowden P.P.G.P. responded for the toast of the Prov. G. Officers, and Bros. Bowden and Green for that of the Visitors. The toast of the W.M.'s health was, as usual, most warmly received.

St. John's Lodge, Maidenhead, No. 795.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th October, at Bro. Deacon's, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Bros. P.M. John Pinch 173 W.M., W. Skollard S.W., C. J. Innes S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A. L. Jeffries I.G., John Greenfield 1602 D.C., Nowell Tyler. The principal business was the installation of Bro. P.M. Finch, the I.G. of this Lodge, as W.M., and the investiture of the Officers as above. The ceremony of installation was powerfully and impressively performed by Bro. Allen P.M. 173, who attended with a large number of brethren from the Phœnix Lodge, to render to Bro. Finchall the honour they could upon this occasion, and to show the way in which he is admired and loved by the brethren of his mother Lodge. Bro. Allen was subsequently unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. There were present the following P.M.'s of the Lodge, viz., Foulger, Hodges, and Harvey, with many visitors, including Bro. Weaver P.M. 820. Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren had an opportunity of enjoying the lovely scenery in the neighbourhood, and afterwards met at a banquet, served by Bro. Deacon in his well-known style. The usual toasts were given, and the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Sharpe was proposed by P.M. Foulger, and drunk, in his unavoidable absence, through sickness, for which much regret was expressed by the members of the Lodge, by whom he is universally beloved. Bro. J. Greenfield responded for Bro. P.M. Sharpe, claiming a right to do so as a friend of many years' standing. The brethren returned to town by an early train, in saloon carriages provided by the Great Western Railway Company, who invariably do all in their power to study the comfort of the brethren of this admirably conducted Lodge, to which it is expected there will be a considerable influx of joining members from No. 173 and No. 180, several members of those Lodges having expressed their intention of joining before next May meeting.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.—Members of the Craft assembled in considerable number at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 18th inst., to witness the working of the Fifteen Sections by the members. Bro. David Rose P.M. 73, 1475 and 1622, presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, as S.W., Coen 169 as J.W., Hilton J.D. 1475 as S.D., Taylor 1531 as J.D, Gloster S.D. 1326, P.M. 1531, as I.G., Griffin P.M. 933, W.M. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge, as I.P.M., and Gibson Hon. Sec. The W.M.

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commenced the business of the evening punctually at 7 p.m., the Lodge being opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The first section of the Lecture was worked by the I.P.M., the second by the J.W., the third by Bro. Tuck W.S. 834, the fourth by Bro. Hutchins S.W. 147 and 1531, the fifth by the S.W., the sixth by the S.D., and the seventh by the S.W. The Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, the first section of the lecture was rehearsed by the I.G., the second by Bro. Martin I.G. 879, the third by Bro. Waterman P.M. 147, the fourth by the S.W., and the fifth by Bro. Martin. The Lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and the concluding sections were worked—the first by Bro. Marketis J.W. 1275, the second by the S.D., and the third by the Hon. Sec. Bro. Gibson. The Lodge having been closed to the first degree, two visiting brethren, Bros. Harrington P.M. 879 and Gilloch 1275, were elected members. Votes of thanks to the W.M. and to the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections were then proposed, and unanimously carried. These having been duly acknowledged, the business of the evening was brought to a satisfactory termination.

Kings Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—The first meeting since the recess was held, on the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. T. Briggs; H. Stiles S.W., H. Higgins J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. P.G.P. Kent Treas., Saintsbury Sec., L. Solomon S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., B. Kanfmann I.G., C. B. Putland D.C., P.M.'s W. M. Stiles, Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, and a numerous attendance of brethren and Visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Vallentine 1017, E. E. B. Kidder J.W. 12, Levenston 27, Silvester 193, H. Connoly 1507, J. Barm 1507, Pierdon 948, Beckham 1624, G. Windsor 917, J. Rohman 188, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Tillbrook was passed to the second degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. A. R. Amor and J. Bickley, which being unanimously in their favour, they were duly initiated into the Order. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. and Treas. proposed, and Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. seconded, that in future the fee for visiting brethren attending the installation banquet be raised to 15s. This was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given, and the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing the brethren after a lapse of seven months; he further informed the members he had taken to the Boys' Festival the sum of £50, an amount he thought creditable to so young a Lodge. Bro. W. M. Stiles having presented the Lodge with a very elegant album, the W.M. and two Past Masters present placed their portraits therein, and expressed a hope it would be a lasting record of their association with the members. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, 11th October, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. Collison W.M., Dehane S.W., Wing J.W. and Treas., Fox Sec., Kidder S.D., Brocklehurst J.D., Gush Preceptor. Appleton I.G. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hancock candidate. Bro. Fox worked the second, and Bro. Gush the third and fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Campbell was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, 1st Nov., at 7 o'clock, by Bros. Gush S.D. 1541 W.M., Tate S.W. 862 S.W., Brown J.W. 862 J.W.

On Monday, 18th October. Bros. Dehane W.M., Wing S.W., Kidder J.W., Wing Treas., Fox Sec., Balls S.D., Loewenstark J.D., Gush Preceptor, Smout, &c. Bro. Johnston answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Fox worked the first section. Bro. Smout was raised to degree of M.M. Bro. Wing worked the second section. The following brethren were elected members—Bros. Johnstone, Smout, and Ward. Lodge was adjourned to Monday next at eight o'clock.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, the 11th inst. Bros. J. Robson W.M., Goddard S.W., Macgregor J.W., Brevetor S.D., Seymour-Clarke Secretary, McDonald Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Loring, Gabriel, Bearcock, Lewis, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Gabriel was questioned, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by the Acting Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The Audit Committee presented their report, which was received and adopted.

On Monday, the 16th inst., present Bros. T. C. Goddard W.M., Partridge S.W., Robson J.W., Brevetor S.D., Seymour-Clarke Sec., W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Past Masters S. L. Green, and Aspinall; Bros. McDonald, Loring, Kimbell, Smith, Gabriel, Bearcock. Lodge being opened, Bro. Kimbell was questioned and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws presented their report, which was unanimously adopted, after which Bro. W. McDonald was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Seymour-Clarke re-elected Secretary. On Monday next, at 7 p.m., Bro. McDonald will preside as W.M., and work as many sections as time will permit, in accordance with the usual practice in this Lodge on the fourth Mondays.

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Union of Malta Lodge, No. 263, Valetta, Malta.—A very successful meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Malta, on the 14th October. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Read P.G.S.W. and P.M. 107, at 6.30 p.m. Present—R.W. Bro. Broadley P.G.M. (honorary member), W. Bro. Lieut. Coffey P.G. Secretary as I.P.M., Bros. Glenday S.W., Yeoman J.W., Stanley M.O., Giles as S.O., England J.O., Woodthorpe Treas., Senior Sec., May S.D., Santy J.D., Shillinglaw I.G., and Beck Tyler. There was a very satisfactory attendance, both of members and Visitors. After a successful ballot, the following Master Masons were advanced to the Mark degree by the W.M., viz., Bros. Pearse 349, Timmins 1306, Walker 914, and Walsh 407. Bros. Flower and Jones, of the Leinster Mark Lodge, 387 I.C., were elected joining members. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the P.G.M. commended the working of the Officers, and expressed his satisfaction at the result of Bro. Read's exertions in the chair of A. The W.M.M. thanked the P.G.M. for his visit, and expressed his hopes that they had this day inaugurated a successful winter session. Bro. Shillinglaw I.G. then presented to the Lodge a most beautiful set of working tools, gavels, squares, &c., and a vote of thanks was ordered, by acclamation, to be inserted on the minutes, and a similar honour was afterwards accorded to Bro. May for his offering of a pedestal for the S.W.'s wicket. The W.M. appointed Bro. England to fill the vacant chair of S.O., Bro. Roe P.M. Craft Lodge 1604 to that of J.O. The Lodge was then closed, after the usual charitable collection. After a short adjournment, the Noah's Ark Mariners Lodge was opened by Bro. Read W.C.N., with the assistance of Bros. Yeoman and May J. and S., and the other Officers. Bros. Woodthorpe, Santucci, Santi, Timmins, and Pearse, were exalted in the Ark degree, the R.W. P.G.C. (at the request of the W.C.N.) imparting the signs. The Lodge was closed at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to a frugal repast, under the genial presidency of W. Bro. Read.

The annual ball in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, on Thursday, 4th November next, under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Francis W. Truscott) J.G.W., the Hon. Edwin Cecil Curzon, J.P., &c. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and we sincerely hope that a great success will be the result of the efforts being made to benefit that noble Institution. Bro. E. M. Lander, the W.M. of the Lodge, heads the list of Stewards, which comprises the names of upwards of fifty brethren, most of them well known in connection with this popular Lodge. The String Band of the Royal Horse Guards, conducted by Bro. Charles Godfrey, has been engaged, and everything has been done to render the assembly an enjoyable one. All now required is, that a good company should assemble; we have, however, little doubt as to the result. The price of a double ticket is fixed at 16s, which price includes refreshments.

We regret to say that, owing to the very heavy pressure on our space this week, we are unavoidably compelled to hold over several items of interest, and not a few Lodge reports, among the latter being those of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, the Crusaders, No. 1676, and Tranquillity, No. 185.

Bro. Seymour Smith's annual benefit concert took place on Saturday, 16th inst., at the City of London College, on which occasion the friends of our esteemed brother assembled in force to show their appreciation of his talent. The songs were of a first-rate character, and the programme was well sustained throughout. We hope that Bro. Smith may live for many years to come, and that, as time goes round, we may have the pleasure of assisting at many other such meetings as that given on Saturday,—a well deserved compliment to a truly genial man and brother.

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Carnarvon Lodge, No.
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62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (In
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instru
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Ho
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (In
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood,
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wand
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at Six (Instructi
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instru
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruc
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Inst
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instructi
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camber
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.,
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-stree
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, C

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcas
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 6.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chest
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-tow
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (I
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instru
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instr
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instructio
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instr
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (In
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruc

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street. Derby

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ledge he displayed in the working and constitution of the Brotherhood, and by the deep interest he displayed in the welfare and progress of each Lodge in the province. By his visits, advice, and admonitions, Bro. John Fawcett won alike the affection and confidence of all the brethren under his sway, while his Masonic knowledge and experience caused his services to be sought for in provinces far and near. The letter announcing that, owing to failing health and the infirmities of advancing years, Bro. Fawcett was compelled to resign his high office, was issued on the 22nd of March this year, and it is no exaggeration to say that throughout the entire province—and even beyond it—there was only one feeling, that of sorrow. The feeling of the brethren soon evidenced itself, for immediately committees were formed in the several Lodges, for the purpose of promoting some means of expressing to Bro. Fawcett the high esteem in which he was held, and the regret felt at severing official connection with their distinguished brother. In the letter issued by Bro. Fawcett was contained intimation that the most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., had been appointed by the Grand Master of England to succeed him as Provincial Grand Master. The news that the noble Lord-lieutenant of the county had been appointed to the high office was generally received with feelings of satisfaction by the brethren, and from the first interest was manifested in the ceremony of the 12th. But when it became known that the ceremony of installation was to be performed by so distinguished and honoured a Mason as the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, the anxiety of the brethren to be present was universally manifested. Applications were received by the acting Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. W. H. Crookes), Sunderland, not only from the whole of Durham, but likewise from every part of England, and even Wales. So great was the "rush" for invitations from the brethren that it was found necessary to restrict the number of admissions to only a very limited few. At first it was resolved to hold the Lodge —which by the way was held under the banner of the Marquess of Granby Lodge (124)—in the Town Hall, but the cry for tickets was so great that the place of meeting was eventually removed to the Castle Hall, kindly granted by the Warden (Dean Lake) and the Senate of the University. Even by that arrangement only those Masons ranking as members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and four other members of Lodges, along with the distinguished visitors from a distance, could be accommodated. During the morning the influx of brethren into the ancient and picturesque city was greater than ever previously experienced by the citizens. The arrangements for the great gathering were admirably devised and carried out by Bro. W. H. Crookes, acting Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. R. Hudson, acting Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who were ably assisted by Bro. George Greenwell P.A.D. of C., Bro. W. Donkin, and Bro. W. C. Blackett, of the Granby Lodge. Large numbers of people assembled on the Palace Green to witness the arrival of the brethren, and at three o'clock, the time announced for the procession to start from the Castle Hall to the Cathedral, the open space to be traversed was lined on either side by a closely packed crowd, including many visitors from a distance. Fortunately the weather had changed into bright sunshine, and this circumstance greatly enhanced the effect of the procession. To the outside public this was really the feature of the day; and those who saw it were well repaid for any trouble they might have taken to be present. It was a brilliant sight, and the aprons, chains, and jewels of office of the brethren were seen to great advantage in the bright sunlight. The brethren, to the number of about a thousand, assembled in the Tapestry Corridor of the Castle, where they robed and prepared themselves for attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren having taken their places under their respective banners, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England—the Earl of Lathom—accompanied by the Past and acting Provincial Grand Officers, entered the fine old banqueting hall, in grand procession, and the Lodge was then opened in due form, the following brethren being the Officers that officiated:—Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M., Whitburn; Christopher Fawcett acting P.S.G.W., Chester-le-Street; Rev. G. R. Balman P.J.G.W., Shincliffe Vicarage; Rev. J. M. Shepherd P.G. Chaplain, Staindrop; Rev. J. Cundill P.G.T., Durham; W. Meek P.G.R., Darlington; W. H. Crookes P.G.S., Sunderland; M. Corbett P.G.S.D., Gateshead; C. S. Lane P.G.J.D., West Hartlepool; W. Lear P.G.S. of W., Darlington; Robert Hudson P.D.G. of C., Sunderland; G. Greenwell P.A.D. of C., Durham; J. Marchant P.G.S.B., Gateshead; H. E. O. Muller P.G.O., Darlington; W. Donkin G.J.D., Durham; and John Tompson P.G. Tyler, Sunderland. The scene in the large baronial hall of the Castle of Durham during the ceremony was exceedingly effective, the blue and purple collars of the brethren harmonising with the banners and adornments of the splendid apartment in which they were assembled. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master was saluted with Masonic honours by the whole of the brethren. The Earl of Lathom then stated the object of the meeting, and spoke of the excellent choice that had been made in their noble brother, who would, he was sure, perform his duties faithfully and with satisfaction to the brethren. The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate was announced by a flourish of trumpets, and a deputation of Worshipful Masters of Lodges retired to introduce him. These were Bros. Thomas Bell Marquess of Granby Lodge 124, Durham, Henry Tonkinson Palatine Lodge 97, Sunderland, Josh. H. Morton St. Hilda's Lodge 240, South Shields, Thomas Brayshaw Tees Lodge 509, Stockton, Markham Spofforth St. Helen's Lodge 531, Hartlepool, H. W. Emerson Fawcett Lodge 661, Seaham, and John Wood Lodge of Industry 48, Gateshead, introduced the R.W. P.G.M. designate, and the patent was then read. The patent describes the R.W. P.G.M. as follows:—The Most Hon. George Henry Robert Charles Vane Tempest, Marquess of Londonderry, Earl of Londonderry, Viscount Castlereagh, Baron Londonderry in Ireland, Earl Vane, Viscount Seaham, and Baron Stewart in the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Ireland, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham. The patent is dated 10th March 1880, A.L. 5880. It is signed—Albert Edward G.M., Skelmersdale [Lathom] D.G.M., Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. The noble Marquis was led up to the pedestal in front of the Dep. Grand Master, and having signified his ability conscientiously to undertake the duties of the office, was invested by the R.W. D.G.M. with the insignia of office and duly installed on the throne. The installation of the R.W. P.G.M. having been duly proclaimed by the acting P.G.D. of C., he was saluted in the usual manner. The R.W. D.P.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., having been proclaimed and saluted, the R.W. P.G.M. proceeded to the appointment of his Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and announced, amidst applause, that the Immediate Past Provincial Officers would continue in office for another year. The following is a list of the Past Grand Officers:—Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. P.D.G.M., Sir H. Pottinger, Bart. P.S.G.W. 375 Chester-le-Street, Rev. G. R. Balman P.J.G.W. 1334 Shincliffe, Rev. G. M. Shepherd P.G. Chaplain 1650 Staindrop, W. Meek P.G.R. 1379 Darlington, W. H. Crookes P.G.S. Sunderland, M. Corbitt P.S.G.D. 48 Gateshead, C. S. Lane P.J.G.D. 764 West Hartlepool, W. Lear P.G.S. of W. 111 Darlington, Robert Hudson P.G.D. of C. 1389 Sunderland, G. Greenwell P.A.D. of C. 124 Durham, J. Marchant P.G.S.B. 424 Gateshead, H. E. O. Muller P.G.O. 1379 Darlington, W. Donkin P.G.P. 1834 Durham, John Thompson P.G. Tyler Sunderland. Bro. Rev. John Cundill was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and after the Grand Officers had received the usual salute, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master said when His Royal Highness the Grand Master appointed him for the office, he felt he was labouring under two difficulties—first, that he had not the experience which was wanted to fulfil so important an office; and secondly, that there were others who might have filled the place far better than himself. He also felt that he was appointed as the successor of one who for so many years had so ably and satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of the Provincial Grand Master of the Province. Not only had he (the retiring Provincial Grand Master) conferred great benefits upon that Province, and great benefits upon the Craft, but he (the P.G.M.) thought there was no member of the Craft in the United Kingdom who could say he had not been a thorough and most efficient Mason. But, contending as he did with those difficulties, it would be his endeavour, during the interval between this and their next meeting, to fit himself so as to perform accurately the duties of the important office which had been confided to him, and for that reason he had on this occasion determined to make no change in the usual programme which was laid down by his worthy predecessor, and therefore, when he was designated Provincial Grand Master of this Province, he wished that it should be so arranged that he should be assisted by those who were more equal by experience to the duties of the Craft than he could be. It had been suggested, and perhaps fairly, that owing to the sad calamity and disaster which had befallen himself and his family, the calamity which had commanded, he was sure, the deepest sympathy all over the country, for which they were most grateful, that under the circumstances it would be better to postpone that meeting; but although he had not been since that fearful accident and disaster to any social pleasure or meeting, still he thought as far as this matter was concerned, it was more a matter of duty to the Province than to himself—hence he had not postponed this meeting. He hoped they would believe him when he said he hoped, by their kind and active co-operation, by the help of the Provincial Grand Officers and others, notwithstanding any shortcomings which might happen to be his lot during the year of his endeavour to learn his duties, that the welfare and prosperity of the Craft in the county of Durham would not deteriorate in his hands. The ordinary business of the Lodge was then proceeded with. The Charities Committee reported that they had voted several sums to the Masonic Charities, amounting to £157 10s. On the motion of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundhill, the following motion was carried with enthusiasm:—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge begs officially to express to R.W. Bro. John Fawcett Past Prov. Grand Master of Durham, its sincere thanks for his long and valuable services rendered through so many years, and its wishes that he may yet be spared to see many years of happiness." At three o'clock p.m. a procession was formed to the Cathedral, in the following order:—Two Stewards, members of Rose of Raby Lodge, No. 1650, Perseverance 1643, Fraternity 1418, Fenwick 1389, Marquess of Ripon 1379, Norman 1334, Earl of Durham 1274, Barnard 1230, Wear Valley 1121, St. Bede's 1119, Williamson 949, Philanthropy 940, Harbour of Refuge 764, Fawcett 661, St. Helens 531, Tees 509, Borough 424, Lambton 375, St. Hilda 240, Marquess of Granby 124, Restoration 111, Palatine 97, Phœnix 94, St. John's 80, Industry 48. Visiting Brethren from other Provinces: Prov. Grand Tyler, Prov. G. Pursuivant and Past P.G. Pursuivants, Prov. G. Organist and Past P.G. Organists, Past Prov. G. Sword Bearers, Past Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Prov. G. Superintendent of Works and P.P.G.S. of Works, Past Prov. Grand Deacons, Prov. Grand Secretary, Prov. Grand Registrar and Past P.G. Registrars, Prov. Grand Treasurer, Prov. G. Chaplain and Past P.G. Chaplains, Prov. G.J. Warden and Past P.G.J. Wardens, Prov. G.S. Warden and Prov. G.J. Deacon, Past Prov. G.S. Wardens, Six Prov. G. Stewards, the Right W. Prov. Deputy Grand Master, Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present, the Right W. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. G.S. Deacon, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, the Most W. Deputy Grand Master of England, Past Prov. G. Sword Bearer. The brethren were enabled to reach their appointed places in the Cathedral without crush and annoyance. The chancel was occupied by the more distinguished of the brethren; the transepts and other portions of the sacred edifice being thrown open to the general public, of whom there was a great number present. The effectiveness of the sight when all were seated, and when the grand organ, under the manipulation of Dr. Armes, pealed forth in majestic tones the opening service was only equalled, but not surpassed, by the ceremony witnessed at the installation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the re-opening of the Cathedral after restoration a few years ago. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, and the second lesson by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundill P.G. Treasurer, who took his text from Ecclesiastes v. 4—"Pay

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..., Earl of Durham, Sir
... Tristram P.P.G.S.W.,
... School, A. Harkness
... Gourley P.P.G.S.W.,
... P.P.S. of W. Northum-
...mberland, J. Trotter
...tson P.P.G.S.W. Nor-
... P.P.G.C. Northumber-
... Cockcroft D.P.G.M.
...rthumberland, G. A.
... Robson P.P.G.S.B.,
... Dorset, G. Stillman
...'.M. 80, Wm. Siddell
...r P.G.S.B. England
...I.W., J. S. Pearson
...G.J.D., J. Laidler
...., T. B. Whytehead
...I. 1661, C. S. Lane
...P.G.J.D. Northum-
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...G.S.W., J. Monks
...D., J. W. Cameron

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ency will allow in accordance with Bro. Terry's
have been cautious in proposing only gentlemen
initiation, have proved themselves worthy of the
would naturally follow that on Tuesday,
being the anniversary of Installation, at Bro. I
Farmers', Southgate-road, there was a distingui
honorary members, including Bro. James Terry P
Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, J. L. Mather I
The meeting was called for 4.30, and the W.M.
sounded the gavel about five p.m., being supported
Killick jun. P.M., Hawkins S.W., A. W. Fenner
Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, H. D
Western I.G., J. Thompson D.C., H. J. Oppermar
Roberts W.S., Steedman Tyler, and a good muster
The Visitors were:—Bros. H. G. Buss Asst. G.Sec., C.
T. Cusworth P.M. 813, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, W. Vin
A. Delin 1048, J. Frome 879, D. Wilkins 1576,
F. Diggins 534, and R. Pye 193. We regret to st
Trewinnard, the I.P.M., was absent through ill heal
to see him at the meeting in November. Lodge
in due form, and with solemn prayer. The Secretary r
of last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Bro. We
the Auditor's report, and remarked upon the excell
which the accounts had been kept by Bro. Killick sen
accuracy of the same, which tended in a great measur
labours of the Auditors. The same was unanimously a
was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. L. Math
Herts presented Bro. Hawkins, the W.M. elect, who wa
due form. Lodge was advanced to the third degree,
Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, took the S.W. chair, wh
Mather occupied that of J.W. A Board of Installed Mas
opened, and the ceremony proceeded with, in a very imp
ner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W
claimed and saluted in the usual Masonic manner. Th
invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. P. Isaac I.
Feuner W.M. 1227 S.W., H. Hall J.W., C. K. Killick se
Crosbie S.D., Western J.D., Thompson I.G., H. J. Oppe
J. W. Roberts A.D.C., and Steedman Tyler. The ceremo
pleted by the Installing Master Bro. H. P. Isaac
addresses in a very earnest manner, which met with a
all present. A vote of thanks was awarded the Hon. Sec
C. K. Killick sen. P.M. for the excellent manner in wh
discharged his duties during the past year. A hearty vo
was also ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro.
the Installing Master, for the excellent manner he had
that ceremony. All Masonic business being ended, hearty
were tendered the W.M. by all present, and the Lodge wa
regular form and adjourned. The brethren sat down to
The cloth being cleared, the usual Loyal toasts were pro
duly responded to. With that of the Grand Officers wa
the name of Bro. Buss, the Asst. G.S., who replied in an
speech, eulogistic of the Officers of the Lodge, from the W
to the A.D.C. Bro. Isaac I.P.M. then took possession of t
he was proud to be in a position that enabled him to pr
health of the W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, whom he cong
on his attaining that high position, as also on the many dutie
to perform in other societies, conducive to the alleviation o
suffering, and he assured the brethren that while they had
Master to preside over them, the Lodge would not suffer; in
sion, he trusted Bro. Hawkins would be more suc
during his year of office, than he (Bro. Isaac)
been. In replying the Worshipful Master thanked Bro.
for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, a
the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the
he would try and discharge the duties of his high position in s
manner as to deserve their approbation; he assured them he
support the Lodge, as also the Charities, to the ...
and hoped that during his year of ...

arities. In conclusion he thanked the W.M. and brethren
d welcome they had accorded him, and wished the Lodge
rity. Bro. Terry's speech was listened to with the utmost
by the brethren, who were greatly interested in the various
s made by him. We trust the interest thus awakened will
ar fruit. The Past Masters' toast was proposed and duly
it was responded to by Bros. Killick sen. and jun. For
f the Officers Bro. Fenner responded; he felt sure they
heir best to assist the W.M., by performing their duties in
ner as to merit the approbation of the brethren. The
st brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Bros. C.
., Opperman, and Seelig favoured the brethren with some
inging during the evening; while Bro. Casworth P.M. gave
s recitation called "The Showman."

Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th
Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. James Forbes W.M.,
illey P.M. S.W., E. D. Willey J.W., Thomas Moring P.M.
nes A. Abbott P.M. Sec., Alfred Eudean S.D., S. U.
J.D., Edmund Coste Steward, Russell Elliott I.G., J.
ler; Past Masters Bros. L. W. Harvey, W. R. Marsh, S.
W. T. Scott. After preliminaries Mr. Alfred Price was
to the Order.

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and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton.—The first
this Lodge after the summer vacation was held on Mon-
th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton. Present:—Bros.
lls W.M., Rooke Pennington S.W., E. M. Garstang J.W.,
Gibbon Chaplain, G. P. Brockbank P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Dir.
C. Freeman P.M. Orgt., F. W. Pacey I.G., J. Roiley Tyler;
s Bros. James Newton P.S.G.D., James Walker, James
Morris, and Walter Pennington. Visitors—Bros. John
M. 348, G. A. Mort W.M. 1354 Leigh, W. C. Freeman
Joseph Kerfoot Orgt. 1354. The Lodge was opened at
in the afternoon, the business being to raise Bros. Poyntz,
and Lomax to the third degree, after which a candidate
d for initiation, and the Lodge was closed at six o'clock.
n adjourned to banquet.

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ock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Friday,
at Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Brecon. Present:—
Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treas.,
Assist.-Sec., Jno. Morgan S.D., A. Orlopp Steward, E. T.
eward, Jas. Jones Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. C. Rich,
er. The business comprised the passing of Bros. Morgan,
Williams.

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arden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held in
oom, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present
R. Botting W.M., W. Carterfield S.W., F. R. England
Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, E. Kirby P.M. Treas.,
on S.D., G. Brand J.D., W. J. A. Norris I.G., Hy. Cham-
H. Webb, H. E. S. Drew, H. Loughlin, and S. Holgate
Lodge was opened. Minutes of last regular meeting
d unanimously confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the
, and regularly closed. A gentleman was proposed for
he next meeting. The brethren spent a most pleasant
r, the W.M. proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic
. Band, Rea, and the W.M. kindly entertained the
songs, &c.

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best abilities which the G.A.O.T.U. had given him. The principles of Masonry were that the members should always try to do good to their fellow men, and relieve some part of the distress which is in the world. He spoke feelingly of the affliction of a brother who (had his health permitted) should have been then occupying his position, and concluded by thanking them all very sincerely for electing him; and he trusted, when his year of office should expire, that his conduct in the chair would be found such as to justify his election, and be a credit to the Lodge. He then proposed the "Installing Master," of whose working they all had seen part that day, but of which he had seen all. Bro. Foulkes was a credit to any Masonic Lodge, though it were of twenty years' standing, and he was much pleased to be allowed to succeed him in the chair. Bro. Foulkes I.P.M., who was warmly cheered, acknowledged the heartiness of his reception by the brethren. He assured them that he had always done only what he ought to have done, and that it was to him a labour of love to be engaged in the work. He said that he was completely surprised to find the brethren presenting him with a jewel; as he had been kept in ignorance of their intention; but that he felt very thankful to them for their handsome present. He then impressed upon the Officers the importance of zealously attending to their duties, and of endeavouring to surpass one another. In that Lodge they had a great advantage, their old friend, Bro. Salmon—their first W.M., had put them in the right way. Bro. Salmon, he thought, would admit that he had found them apt pupils; and he could only wish that part of Bro. Salmon's spirit had fallen upon him. In their ritual there were some beautiful points, to which he alluded. He did not wish to boast of what the Caradoc Lodge had done, but simply hoped they would go on prospering. Bro. Coxhead S.W. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," observing that was not the first time he had the privilege of doing so. He gave a concise account of the Charities, and the great good the Boy's and Girl's Institutions were doing to the offspring of Masons. He felt proud of the part the Caradoc Lodge had taken in supporting these Charities; he had himself served as Steward; and he was much pleased to meet another Steward (Bro. Foulkes) in London this year, from their Lodge. He concluded by warmly advocating the claims of the Masonic Charities, and referring to the meetings in the Alexandra and the Crystal Palaces; also appealing to the brethren to put into practice the noble principles of the Order. Bro. Salmon P.M. responded, and spoke of the progress made by the Charities. In 1868 only six or eight thousand pounds were sent to London by the Provincial Lodges; now they approached £13,000 annually. He also detailed the way in which the local charity of their province worked so well; and made a suggestion as to how the brethren might, with but little effort, render efficient support to this charity: and he pointed out the unsatisfactory manner in which the elections were conducted in former years, and the great change for the better which had now been brought about. He made a strong appeal on behalf of the Charities, and was loudly applauded. Bros. Smith and Cameron each in a few words responded to the toast. The W.M. in a brief speech proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Taverner said he had been much pleased with what he had seen in Lodge that day. The I.P.M. was a credit to the Lodge, and from what he could judge their newly installed W.M. would be such another. Bro. Owen was pleased to have received an invitation to be present, and to have enjoyed their social gathering so much. After dwelling upon the privileges of Masons, he called upon all to make use of them, and to leave the world better than they had found it. Bro. Foulkes (Carnarvon) in a spirited speech wished to instil into the minds of the brethren a fitting appreciation of the excellencies of Masonic principles, and alluded at some length to the history and the growth of certain Lodges in this province, and thanked the members for their invitation. Bro. Morris P.G.S. referred to the premises the Lodge now occupied, as ample proof of the progress they had made in one direction, and to the working of the I.M.P. as a proof of advancement in an equally important sense. The W.M. in proposing "the Officers of the Caradoc Lodge" dwelt on the importance of efficiency, and alluded to certain ham. His duty took him to different parts of England, but he could assure them that in all the course of his tours through England he had never yet seen any ceremony so completely and so perfectly performed as it had been that day. Not only that, but with the associations of that town, that glorious Cathedral, and that splendid hall in which they had met, it was all but impossible for any Masonic ceremony to be otherwise than perfectly carried out. His Lordship then referred in complimentary terms to the reports of the various Lodges in the Province which had that day been given. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. Amongst the brethren present we noticed the following:—Bros. H. C. Trevanion P.P.G.S.W., Lord Ernest Vane Tempest, J. Milburn P.D.G.J.W. Egypt, H. B. Wright P.P.G. Reg., Earl of Durham, Sir Geo. Elliot Prov. G.M. South Wales, Canon Tristram P.P.G.S.W., Frederick Binckes Secretary Masonic Boys' School, A. Harkness P.P.G.S.D., C. 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KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

WHEN the founders of this Lodge applied for, and obtained the Warrant from Grand Lodge to hold the same, they were doubly pleased on learning that our esteemed Bro. James Terry was to be the Consecrating Officer. On that memorable occasion Bro. Terry remarked that the Founders would ever bear in mind that by a strict adherence to the true principles of Freemasonry and the Constitutions of the Order, they could never fail to uphold the dignity of the Kingsland Lodge, and the high prestige of Freemasonry. The brethren constituting this Lodge have acted as near as human consistency will allow in accordance with Bro. Terry's advice, and they have been cautious in proposing only gentlemen who, since their initiation, have proved themselves worthy of the same. Thus, it would naturally follow that on Tuesday, the 5th instant being the anniversary of Installation, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, there was a distinguished company of honorary members, including Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts. The meeting was called for 4.30, and the W.M. Bro. H. P. Isaac sounded the gavel about five p.m., being supported by Bros. C. K. Killick jun. P.M., Hawkins S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., J. Crosbie Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, H. Hall S.D., N. L. Western I.G., J. Thompson D.C., H. J. Opperman A.D.C., J. W. Roberts W.S., Steedman Tyler, and a good muster of the members. The Visitors were:—Bros. H. G. Buss Asst. G.Sec., C. Daniel P.M. 65, T. Cnsworth P.M. 813, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, W. Vincent W.M. 1624, A. Delin 1048, J. Frome 879, D. Wilkins 1576, B. Neale 179, F. Diggins 531, and R. Pye 193. We regret to say that Bro. A. Trewinnard, the I.P.M., was absent through ill health, but we hope to see him at the meeting in November. Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Bro. Western then read the Auditor's report, and remarked upon the excellent manner in which the accounts had been kept by Bro. Killick sen., and also the accuracy of the same, which tended in a great measure to lessen the labours of the Auditors. The same was unanimously adopted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts presented Bro. Hawkins, the W.M. elect, who was obligated in due form. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. E. Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, took the S.W. chair, while Bro. J. L. Mather occupied that of J.W. A Board of Installed Masters was duly opened, and the ceremony proceeded with, in a very impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the usual Masonic manner. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. P. Isaac I.P.M., A. W. Fenner W.M. 1227 S.W., H. Hall J.W., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., Crosbie S.D., Western J.D., Thompson I.G., H. J. Opperman D.C., J. W. Roberts A.D.C., and Steedman Tyler. The ceremony was completed by the Installing Master Bro. H. P. Isaac giving the addresses in a very earnest manner, which met with applause from all present. A vote of thanks was awarded the Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. K. Killick sen. P.M. for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. A hearty vote of thanks was also ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. H. P. Isaac, the Installing Master, for the excellent manner he had performed that ceremony. All Masonic business being ended, hearty good wishes were tendered the W.M. by all present, and the Lodge was closed in regular form and adjourned. The brethren sat down to a banquet. The cloth being cleared, the usual Loyal toasts were proposed and duly responded to. With that of the Grand Officers was included the name of Bro. Buss, the Asst. G.S., who replied in an excellent speech, eulogistic of the Officers of the Lodge, from the W.M. down to the A.D.C. Bro. Isaac I.P.M. then took possession of the gavel; he was proud to be in a position that enabled him to propose the health of the W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, whom he congratulated on his attaining that high position, as also on the many duties he had to perform in other societies, conducive to the alleviation of human suffering, and he assured the brethren that while they had such a Master to preside over them, the Lodge would not suffer; in conclusion, he trusted Bro. Hawkins would be more successful, during his year of office, than he (Bro. Isaac) had been. In replying the Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Isaac for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, as also the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the toast; he would try and discharge the duties of his high position in such a manner as to deserve their approbation; he assured them he would support the Lodge, as also the Charities, to the utmost of his power, and hoped that during his year of office he would be enabled to keep

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his Officers fully employed in their various posts. The I.P.M.'s toast was proposed by the W.M. in a speech that did full justice to the recipient; he enlarged upon that brother's Masonic knowledge; his working was so perfect that it needed no eulogy, as the brethren present could testify by the manner the ceremony of installation had been performed that evening. He now had the pleasure of presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, at the same time expressing the earnest wish of the brethren that he might live for many years to wear it. The W.M. concluded by giving Bro. Isaac his hearty good wishes, in which all the brethren joined. Bro. Isaac observed that he felt as if he could say, Thank you, and sit down, but he could not do so without saying a few words; he had striven to do his utmost to further the interests of the Kingsland Lodge, and would continue so to do. He thanked the brethren very kindly for the jewel they had presented him that evening; also he thanked the W.M. for his kindly remarks and good wishes in presenting the same. The Visitors' toast was proposed, in a short but effective speech, by the W.M., and was duly honoured by the brethren; it was responded to by Bro. Daniel P.M., who complimented the W.M. on his elevation; it gave him great pleasure, as he had the honour of initiating Bro. Hawkins into Freemasonry, and so might fairly claim him as one of his children. Bro. Cusworth P.M. also made a few remarks respecting the W.M. and his Officers. The remaining Visitors added a few words, endorsing the opinions expressed by those brethren who had previously spoken. The Charities was next on the list, and this toast included the name of Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry replied. Having assisted in the foundation of the Lodge, by consecrating it, he considered himself as its parent, and was glad to find the Lodge had done its duty by contributing to the Charities in the manner it had; he hoped it would support them in the future as in the past. In referring to the Charities, he said a great deal of good was done by all, and gave particulars of what each was doing. Bro. Terry made a few remarks relative to candidates for admission to the Charities. In conclusion he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind welcome they had accorded him, and wished the Lodge all prosperity. Bro. Terry's speech was listened to with the utmost attention by the brethren, who were greatly interested in the various statements made by him. We trust the interest thus awakened will in time bear fruit. The Past Masters' toast was proposed and duly honoured; it was responded to by Bros. Killick sen. and jun. For the toast of the Officers Bro. Fenner responded; he felt sure they would do their best to assist the W.M., by performing their duties in such a manner as to merit the approbation of the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Bros. C. Daniel P.M., Opperman, and Seelig favoured the brethren with some excellent singing during the evening; while Bro. Cusworth P.M. gave a humorous recitation called "The Showman."

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th October, at Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. James Forbes W.M., William Willey P.M. S.W., E. D. Willey J.W., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., James A. Abbott P.M. Sec., Alfred Endeau S.D., S. U. Thompson J.D., Edmund Coste Steward, Russell Elliott I.G., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. L. W. Harvey, W. R. Marsh, S. Vallentine, W. T. Scott. After preliminaries Mr. Alfred Price was initiated into the Order.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton.—The first meeting of this Lodge after the summer vacation was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton. Present:—Bros. Johnson Mills W.M., Rooke Pennington S.W., E. M. Garstang J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, G. P. Brockbank P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Dir. of Cer., R. K. Freeman P.M. Orgt., F. W. Pacey I.G., J. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. James Newton P.S.G.D., James Walker, James Brown, John Morris, and Walter Pennington. Visitors—Bros. John Harwood P.M. 348, G. A. Mort W.M. 1354 Leigh, W. C. Freeman S.D. 1354, Joseph Kerfoot Orgt. 1354. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock in the afternoon, the business being to raise Bros. Poyntz, Hardcastle, and Lomax to the third degree, after which a candidate was proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed at six o'clock. The brethren adjourned to banquet.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Friday, 1st October, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Brecon. Present:—Bros. Frank Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treas., E. H. Teale Assist.-Sec., Jno. Morgan S.D., A. Orlopp Steward, E. T. Edwards Steward, Jas. Jones Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. C. Rich, Thos. Butcher. The business comprised the passing of Bros. Morgan, Powell, and Williams.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held in the Lodge Room, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. H. R. Botting W.M., W. Carterfield S.W., F. R. England J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, E. Kirby P.M. Treas., G. G. Thomson S.D., G. Brand J.D., W. J. A. Norris I.G., Hy. Chambers, E. Rea, H. Webb, H. E. S. Drew, H. Loughlin, and S. Holgate Tyler. The Lodge was opened. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and regularly closed. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The brethren spent a most pleasant hour together, the W.M. proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Band, Rea, and the W.M. kindly entertained the brethren with songs, &c.

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 830.—This Lodge of Instruction held its first meeting for the season at the Six Bells, Hammersmith, on Friday, the 8th inst., Bro. Charles Garston being W.M., and Bros. Cordingley and H. Garston occupying the offices of S.W. and J.W. There was a good attendance of members. The Visitors were Bros. J. T. Hale and Lorensi, of the Ranelagh Lodge No. 834. Bro. Gorston rehearsed the first and second ceremonies in the most perfect manner, Bros. Alias and Hall acting as candidates. The mother Lodge having removed to the Criterion, it mainly depends on the brethren of Hammersmith and its vicinity to support this Lodge, which for twenty years has held its own as the centre point of Instruction for the West End of London. We strongly exhort the brethren of the neighbourhood to attend as often as possible. Bro. Read P.M. of 511, &c., is the Preceptor.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.—A meeting was held on Monday, 11th October, at the George Inn, Market-place, Enfield. Present:—Bros. Oscar Oxley W.M., W. H. Thompson P.M. acting S.W., E. Poore (S.D.) acting J.W., in absence of Bro. Peach, A. Bryant J.D., A. G. Fidler I.G., Very Tyler. Visitor—Bro. J. Greenfield J.D. 1602. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes read. A ballot having been taken for Mr. C. J. Watts, which proved unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of the Craft, in a very able manner. Two candidates were proposed for election, and the Lodge closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a plain but ample and enjoyable supper, after which the usual toasts were given. Bro. Watts, in responding to the toast of the evening, expressed his delight at having come out of darkness into light, and a hope that he would prove a good and sincere member of the Craft. Bro. J. Greenfield, as a Visitor, mentioned that having known Bro. Watts for many years, it had given him great pleasure to come some distance to witness his initiation, and that he was satisfied the initiate would prove a good working brother. The brethren then separated in time to reach town and their respective residences in the neighbourhood at a reasonable hour.

St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1308.—The regular meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, under the presidency of Bro. C. A. Smith W.M., J. J. Pope P.M. S.W., B. Phillips J.W., W. Botting Treas., E. White P.M. Sec., Tubbs S.D., H. Hill I.G., Halliday D.C., Daly Tyler; P.M.'s J. J. Pope, J. L. Baker, G. Draper, T. Foxall P.G.P., Tyler, Ashwell, and a numerous attendance of brethren. Visitors—E. J. Ackworth I.G. 133, S. Drewell 177, Garner W.M. 795, J. W. Graham 975, Wrigglesworth P.M. 975, J. Emanuel 15, Drew 733, New 173, Davey 173, Savas. T. L. Konyoumtzoglous (Constantinople), Dr. Croft 8, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Finch W.M. 795, A. Burdon 11, Foxley 173, Blyth 173, Linscott J.W. 55. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Mr. T. Headon was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. T. W. Keeton, Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 1409 (South Africa), was elected a joining member. Bros. Foxall P.G.P. and W. B. Botting Treas. were appointed Trustees to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge. The sum now in hand amounts to £259 10s; which amount has been invested in consols. Lodge was then closed until December, and the brethren, 47 in number, sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Lord, that gave great satisfaction. Full honour was done to the Loyal and Masonic toasts, and a capital musical entertainment was furnished by Bro. Stedman, who was supported by Bros. Egbert Roberts, Fountain Meen, and several of Bro. Stedman's talented choir boys.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 12th October, at the Moorgate Tavern. Present:—Bros. Sanders W.M., Shipley S.W., Hall J.W., Medwin S.D., J. L. Mather Precepter, Kern I.G., and other brethren. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gabb candidate, and that of passing, Bro. Thompson candidate. The balance-sheet for the past year was presented and adopted. Bro. J. L. Mather was re-elected Preceptor, Bro. D. P. Holness Treasurer, and Bro. C. G. Sparrow Secretary, for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the Officers for their services was recorded on the minutes.

On Tuesday, 19th October, Bros. Hall W.M., Medwin S.W., Kern J.W., C. G. Sparrow Sec., Hepburn S.D., Pitt J.D., J. L. Mather Preceptor, Cotton I.G., and many other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holness candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. G. H. Hunter, W.M. of Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, Bro. Groner acting as W.M. elect. The annual supper was fixed for the third Tuesday in November. Bro. Medwin was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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under which the blackest of social pirates have
to sail, and if they have been so unfortunate
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hey have for the time professed to advance, but
ecause some really benevolent person has stepped
and fearlessly denounced them in their true light.
lishmen we delight in maintaining the reputation
has acquired of being the most benevolent of all
and it naturally follows that we are more often
upon in this particular than our neighbours, who
ake the same interest in the promotion of associa-
the relief of misery as we do. We have Charities
st every conceivable ill that human flesh is heir to,
content with these, we have so-called benevolent
tions to watch over the doings of these associations
ırse with the spirit of Charity always uppermost—
they do not depart from their lawful course. We
among the number who consider that the Charities
Britain do no good, but we must admit that in
stances we look upon the officials who conduct them
g benefited to a far greater degree than the
ries themselves. Still when we hear of individual
r persons combining with their legitimate
that of public benefactors, and announcing the
and wide, with the view of obtaining new
rs, our faith in their purity of purpose is rudely
and we cannot help feeling that an attenpt
g made to humbug us. Accordingly, we look
the hope of discovering something which will jus-
ı forming a more charitable conclusion. The satire
ıan who gave a guinea towards a fund being raised
relief of the sufferers by a heavy calamity—one
owards relieving their distress, and the sovereign
to them—was, no doubt, severe, but not too much
olied to men who endeavour, under the guise of
o foist on the public inferior articles at a very
ıdvanced price. We doubt if there are many so
to be taken in by such a pretext, but, on the
ıd, it is so frequently urged, that we imagine it
ıttended by some amount of profit. Freemasonry
spect has not escaped any more than have other
ns, and it is no very difficult task to point out the
ways in which the benevolent spirit which the
ctuate all brethren of the mystic tie is taken
e of to advance trade interests, and, not unfre-
ınworthy motives. We have, on previous occa-
ged the desirability of treating business and
nry as two widely distinct objects, and can ex-
ympathy for the man who finds himself imposed
r having relaxed his ordinary business caution
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... I regret that the many duties I have to pe
me to see so much of my brethren as I should lik
you may be assured, that I shall always take the
everything that concerns the welfare of the Craft.
interest from the day I became one of you. I h
day of my death. Brethren, I think we have ever
the Craft has flourished, that Lodges are increasin
that Masons are being initiated in great and in
When my lamented grand-uncle—who was your G
in 1843 there were not more than 500 Lodges. Th
There are upwards of 400 in foreign countries,
jurisdiction, and as many as 10,000 Masons have
year during the last ten years. Then again our C
gone forth into the world as the greatest charitable s
We have been charged with being a secret society, t
of the Craft is that we do not mix in politics, or in a
be detrimental to the country. We may say tha
charitable institutions, those which maintain and
and girls of Masons, and maintain the old and dec
their widows are the three principal Charities whic
by all the Masons of this country, and I think I
stating that annually the sum subscribed to those C
to more than £40,000. That speaks enough for the na
we have got for charity, and which is one which
always keep. There are several speeches to follow r
will not weary you with more remarks, but before sitt
to express the pleasure it gives me, as I know it does
and I am sure it does also to the Masons here prese
honour of the presence of a relation of the Princess of
here to-day. In Sweden I was first initiated into Fre
my return to Denmark I was first received into a Loc
always look upon my connection with Freemasonry as l
link between Sweden, Denmark, and England. Sir, I
more for the kind way in which you have received my
thank you, Sir, for the great and high compliment you
and the Grand Lodge of England. The Lord Mayor:
ful Grand Master and Brethren,—Any difference or d
experience in asking you now to toast my worshipful
Grand Officers will disappear if those present who are n
distinguished body will but bear in mind their many
Masonic virtues and qualifications. I myself owe to the
gratitude, because I am aware that not a few of their
traversed the length and breadth of the land in order
this evening. I thank them heartily for this proof of
zeal and fraternal goodwill; and in extending to them, a
all, the right hand of welcome and fellowship, I am sur
echo the sentiments of Freemasons at large when I sa
Grand Officers of England the fullest recognition of the
services is due from the brethren of the Order. Such
we gladly accord, and in that spirit I propose to you that
the health of the Grand Officers present and past, and I c
the toast the name of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught
S. Warden, who has been good enough to honour me with h
this evening. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, in
My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Bretl
with great diffidence that I rise to return thanks for the
portant toast which has just been given. I have served th
Senior Grand Warden, and I am very proud to have held tha
I only regret that my military duties have not enabled me
much as I would in that office. All I wish is—that my bret
believe that my heart is most fully in all that concerns the h
and welfare of the Craft. My Lord Mayor has referred
eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers and their duties. I
that from the beginning they have always taken a leading
Freemasonry, and have always done their utmost to show ho
alive they were to the importance of their duties. One of th
pleasurable of those was to take a leading part in all that —
the good of the Charities. I am sure, Sir, if —
to repeat the words of the Grand ...

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...other officials' rooms.
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THE MANSION HOUSE.

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Master's Lodge, No. 1, is also Grand
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. Above 300 brethren assembled.
the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.,
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den, Marquis of Londonderry,
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e, Rev. W. K. H. Bedford,
F. Perkins, Bro. Sheriff
o. Jekyll Grand Organist,
on, Major Woodall, Colonel
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ere every one in attend-
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y of London band play-
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He said, we Masons
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THE MASONIC BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

THE meeting at the Mansion House on Monday, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Masons in England, accompanied by his brother, the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Prince John of Glucksburg, was right royally entertained at dinner by the Right Hon. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Grand Junior Warden for the present year, will be an ever memorable event in the annals, not only of that Civic hospitality for which London from the earliest times has been renowned, but also of English Freemasonry, which was so munificently honoured on the occasion. We are not going to be so silly as to affirm that this particular gathering is ever likely to take precedence, in the minds of Craftsmen, of other grand gatherings. The installation as Grand Master of George Prince of Wales—afterwards George IV.—was a grand Masonic display, and evoked loud manifestations of joy from the Craft generally. The meeting in December 1813, at which the Union of the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges was consummated, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was an event, the inestimable benefits of which it would be a task of supreme difficulty to determine, if only we regard it as terminating a schism which for some three quarters of a century had split Freemasonry into two rival, or, rather, be it said, two hostile camps. The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master on that brightest of red-letter days, in April 1875, when all the most distinguished members of the Craft were assembled in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, to witness and take part in the glorious ceremony, can never be surpassed, though in the ages to come it may perhaps be equalled in pomp and circumstance and general feelings of rejoicing. But though we very properly refrain from giving undue importance to the reception and entertainment on Monday at the Mansion House of the Grand Master by his able and popular Grand Junior Warden, we shall make no secret of our opinion that, of its kind, it is not only one of the most successful, but likewise one of the most brilliant gatherings of the Craft—and unique withal—it has ever been the good fortune of the Masonic journalist or historian to record. There have been ere now Lord Mayors of London who also took a prominent part in Freemasonry—Alderman Stone is a case in point; and we believe we are right in saying that Monday was not the first occasion on which Grand Lodge has been entertained by the chief magistrate of the City of London. But having due regard, and giving all due prominence, to Masonic celebrations of a somewhat similar character which have been held in past days, we still hold that that of Monday will ever stand out from them as singular in its way. Lord Mayor Truscott, for instance, during his term of office, has shown himself to be a worthy representative of our leading Civic magnates. He has not only been the chief guardian of the rights and privileges of his fellow-citizens,—those rights and privileges which have been, so to speak, handed down from time immemorial, and excited the admiration, as they have enlisted the warm sympathy and support, of all loyal Englishmen. He has also, in a modest yet munificent manner, upheld its ancient reputation for hospitality, and has dispensed a hearty welcome to representatives of all classes, whether Civic officials, distinguished foreigners, or the highest and ablest in the land. With such a roll of achievements to point to, his lordship might well have contented himself with so admirable a fulfilment of his many and arduous, though, on occasions, most agreeable duties. But, albeit, in these prosaic days, even a Lord Mayor may be forgiven for not inventing or discovering something new, Sir F. Truscott had the good fortune to suggest to himself that the entertainment by him as Grand Junior Warden of England, in his official residence as Lord Mayor of London, of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Masons, would form a glorious climax to his other achievements. The result was the banquet of Monday, of which we give particulars elsewhere, when, in addition to the royal brethren we have enumerated, were present well nigh all the most distinguished members of the Masonic brotherhood. Among them were the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of W. Lancashire, Lord Leigh Prov. G. Master of Warwick, the Earl of Hardwicke Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, R. W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Lord Suffield Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., Prov. Grand Master of Durham, together with other brethren, more or less distinguished, to the number of some three hundred. The Lord Mayor's own Lodge, Grand Master's No. 1, was, of course, strongly represented, while, as regards the banquet, the appointments, and, indeed, the accessories generally, no effort had been spared to make it what it proved and deserved to be, a most brilliant and unique success—a success among successes even in the *rôle* of London hospitalities. Ten days hence, and the present occupant of the Civic throne will take rank among the honoured Past Masters of Civic administration; but though successors to him may be found in every way as worthy as himself of being appointed to so high a position, and as well calculated to fulfil these duties with the same feelings of loyalty and generosity, we imagine they will experience some difficulty in surpassing him. At all events, as the repetition of a celebration cannot possibly be brought within the category of novelties, with the respected name of Lord Mayor Truscott, Grand Junior Warden of England, will ever be associated the honour of having conceived and carried out the idea of entertaining at the Mansion House the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. We must now bring our few remarks to an end, and, in doing so, we most heartily congratulate his lordship on his reception of the Grand Master and his brethren at his official residence on the evening of Monday.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, 8th September, on which occasion the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Charles Alfred Welch, occupied the throne; he was supported by a numerous assemblage of Grand Officers, D.D. Grand Masters, &c., together with the representatives of eighty-three of the Lodges under his jurisdiction. After the formal proceedings as to opening the Grand Lodge had been complied with, the Grand Master addressed the brethren in relation to the capitation tax, congratulating them upon the spirit and zeal of the

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Lodges and the brethren throughout the jurisdiction, as evinced by the number of Lodges which had commuted the tax in full for the whole number of their members, and also by the number of individual commutations. He read a list of those Lodges which had paid the tax in full, and also gave the number of brethren, members of Lodges which had not commuted, who had individually paid the tax. The former numbers fifty-one Lodges, which, between them, have paid on 6,505 members a sum of 65,050 dols. The individual brethren who have commuted the tax number 980, and they have paid a sum of 9,800 dollars, so that a total of 74,850 dollars has been raised by this means. The individual brethren who appear on the list represent fifty-four Lodges, so that there are very few outstanding wherein some at least of the members have not made an effort to raise the funds needed to clear off the debt of the Grand Lodge in this way. It was then proposed that the time for the payment of the commutation be extended to 25th November next, and that, in the meantime, a statement of the names of the Lodges and the number of brethren who had already paid the same be sent to all the Lodges, which proposition was duly carried. The Grand Master then announced that the library of the Grand Lodge had received a most valuable addition at the hands of Bro. William Sutton, who had presented the whole of his valuable Masonic library. In consequence of this beneficent gift it had become necessary to enlarge the accommodation hitherto afforded for the books, and this end had been accomplished by making various alterations in the Grand Master's and other officials' rooms. Other matters, including the reports of several committees, were then discussed, and in due course the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

GRAND BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

THE Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, were on Monday night entertained by the Lord Mayor (Sir F. Wyatt Truscott) at a Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, to which a highly distinguished company were invited to meet them. The Lord Mayor, who is himself an old Freemason, a Past Master, and the present Worshipful Master of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, is also Grand Junior Warden for the year, and he determined not to let his Mayoralty close without at least endeavouring to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his guest. In this endeavour he succeeded, and Monday night witnessed the most brilliant gathering of Masons that has yet attended a Masonic banquet. Above 300 brethren assembled. Amongst those present were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.H. Prince John of Glucksburg, Earl of Saltoun, Lord Leigh, Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Earl of Onslow, Lord Methuen, Lord Tenterden, Marquis of Londonderry, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of Hardwicke, Earl of Jersey, Lord Henniker, Lord Suffield, Colonel M. de Cartaret, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Colonel C. Lyne, Colonel Lloyd Phillips, General Hon. S. Calthorpe, Sir Joseph Bailey, M.P., Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., Sir Watkin Wynn, M.P., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Sir Walter Burrell, M.P., Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Gen. Brownrigg, Sir Henry Edwards, Sir George Elliott, General Duncan. Col. Wemyss, Sir Albert Woods, Sir John Monckton, Bro. M'Intyre, M.P., Captain Platt, Bro. J. Scott, Colonel Burney, Bro. F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Bro. Walter Wood, Bro. Saul Isaac, Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, Colonel Stratton Gregory, Bro. Locock Webb, Q.C., Bro. F. Knollys, C.B., Admiral Hon. Sir H. A. Keppel, Captain A. Egerton, Colonel Croll, Bro. Alderman Ellis, Colonel Shadwell Clarke, Grand Secretary, Bro. Alderman Nottage, Rev. W. K. H. Bedford, Captain Sewell, Dr. Rhys Williams, Sir F. Perkins, Bro. Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, Bro. Jekyll Grand Organist, Lt.-Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, Col. G. Vernon, Major Woodall, Colonel Cole, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Sir John Bennett, Rev. P. Bent, Dr. Gooding, Bro. Alderman Hadley, &c. Before the proceedings commenced, his Royal Highness the Grand Master, in the private room set apart for his reception, appointed and invested Prince John of Glucksburg as Past Grand Senior Warden of England. Subsequently his Royal Highness proceeded to the drawing-room, where every one in attendance was presented, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke making the presentations. The whole company then sat down to the banquet, Mr. H. Sibbold's City of London band playing a selection of music. The Lord Mayor, after the banquet, proposed the toast of the "Queen and the Craft." He said, we Masons of England are loyal men—loyal to the Queen we serve, and we honour and are loyal to the Craft we love. I give you the first toast of English Freemasons—"The Queen and the Craft." The toast having been drunk, the Lord Mayor said: Brethren, our loyalty as Masons is not limited by the toast which we have just now celebrated. We also owe allegiance, and we gladly and dutifully render it, to our illustrious chief, H.R.H. the Grand Master, who since the great and memorable ceremony of installation in the Albert Hall, now nearly six years ago, has ruled our Order so wisely and so well. His Royal Highness, by his ready acquiescence in my earnest wish that this grand and unprecedented gathering should have the grace and sanction of his presence, has added another red-letter day to those already marked by him in the calendar of English Masonry. It is not long since I enjoyed the privilege—one shared by many now present—of assisting at a Masonic ceremony of high importance to present and future generations, kindly and ably performed by the Duke of Cornwall in Truro, my native city; and this, brethren, is but one of many evidences of the true and hearty interest evinced by his Royal Highness in the ancient Craft of which he is in this country the distinguished head. I propose the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales, in reply said: My Lord Mayor and Brethren,—You, my lord, have conferred a great honour on the Grand Lodge of England in entertaining them at this magnificent banquet this evening, and in their name and my own I beg to return you our thanks for this kindness and hospitality on your part. It is thirty years since the Grand Master of England and Grand Lodge have been entertained here, and it is particularly gratifying to them, as it is, I assure you, my Lord Mayor, to me, to have been entertained by you during your mayoralty as a member of the Grand Lodge itself. You have, my lord, been kind enough to allude to the laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral. I believe I am right in saying that such a ceremony has not before taken place in the annals of Masonry, viz., the laying of the foundation-stone of a Cathedral with Masonic honours. I can only say how gratifying it was to me to perform that ceremony, and to have been so well supported on that occasion by Grand Lodge, many of whom came from a long distance to be present. I only trust that the Cathedral may be completed before many years are over, and that it may be a credit to the country in which it is built, and to the Craft who were present, and who took part in the initiating ceremony. You, my Lord Mayor, have especially taken great interest and concern in it, having started a fund which, I trust, before your present year of office is over may become still more largely increased, and I hope that as £5,000 or £6,000 are needed for the choir of the Cathedral that the sum may before long be found. With regard to Masonry, I have always been received with the greatest possible kindness on the occasions when I have come amongst you. I regret that the many duties I have to perform do not enable me to see so much of my brethren as I should like; but of one thing you may be assured, that I shall always take the deepest interest in everything that concerns the welfare of the Craft. I have felt that interest from the day I became one of you. I hope to do so till the day of my death. Brethren, I think we have every reason to say that the Craft has flourished, that Lodges are increasing year by year, and that Masons are being initiated in great and increasing numbers. When my lamented grand-uncle—who was your Grand Master—died in 1843 there were not more than 500 Lodges. There are now 1,900. There are upwards of 400 in foreign countries, but still under my jurisdiction, and as many as 10,000 Masons have been made every year during the last ten years. Then again our Craft has especially gone forth into the world as the greatest charitable society that exists. We have been charged with being a secret society, but the great tenet of the Craft is that we do not mix in politics, or in anything that may be detrimental to the country. We may say that the three great charitable institutions, those which maintain and educate the boys and girls of Masons, and maintain the old and decayed Masons and their widows are the three principal Charities which are supported by all the Masons of this country, and I think I am not wrong in stating that annually the sum subscribed to those Charities amounts to more than £40,000. That speaks enough for the name which I trust we have got for charity, and which is one which I hope we shall always keep. There are several speeches to follow mine, therefore I will not weary you with more remarks, but before sitting down I wish to express the pleasure it gives me, as I know it does the Lord Mayor, and I am sure it does also to the Masons here present, to have the honour of the presence of a relation of the Princess of Wales's family here to-day. In Sweden I was first initiated into Freemasonry. On my return to Denmark I was first received into a Lodge, and I shall always look upon my connection with Freemasonry as being a binding link between Sweden, Denmark, and England. Sir, I thank you once more for the kind way in which you have received my health, and I thank you, Sir, for the great and high compliment you have paid me and the Grand Lodge of England. The Lord Mayor: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—Any difference or difficulty I may experience in asking you now to toast my worshipful colleagues the Grand Officers will disappear if those present who are not yet of that distinguished body will but bear in mind their many and excellent Masonic virtues and qualifications. I myself owe to them a debt of gratitude, because I am aware that not a few of their number have traversed the length and breadth of the land in order to be present this evening. I thank them heartily for this proof of their earnest zeal and fraternal goodwill; and in extending to them, as I do to you all, the right hand of welcome and fellowship, I am sure that I only echo the sentiments of Freemasons at large when I say that to the Grand Officers of England the fullest recognition of their important services is due from the brethren of the Order. Such recognition we gladly accord, and in that spirit I propose to you that we drink to the health of the Grand Officers present and past, and I connect with the toast the name of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Past Grand S. Warden, who has been good enough to honour me with his presence this evening. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, in reply, said: My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren,—It is with great diffidence that I rise to return thanks for the very important toast which has just been given. I have served the office of Senior Grand Warden, and I am very proud to have held that position. I only regret that my military duties have not enabled me to do as much as I would in that office. All I wish is—that my brethren will believe that my heart is most fully in all that concerns the happiness and welfare of the Craft. My Lord Mayor has referred in most eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers and their duties. I am sure that from the beginning they have always taken a leading part in Freemasonry, and have always done their utmost to show how fully alive they were to the importance of their duties. One of the most pleasurable of those was to take a leading part in all that promotes the good of the Charities. I am sure, Sir, if you will allow me only to repeat the words of the Grand Master, I would say how much we,

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the Grand Officers, appreciate the great kindness and the great honour you have done us in asking us here this evening. You have, indeed, as you have said, held out to us the right hand of friendship and of hospitality. In conclusion, therefore, I beg in the name of the Grand Officers to thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done us this evening. The Earl of Lathom then said:—My Lord Mayor, your Royal Highnesses, your Highness, and Brethren,—The toast which has been entrusted to me I am sure you will all agree with. It is that of "The Foreign Grand Lodges with which we are connected," coupled with the name of the illustrious guest whom the Lord Mayor has had the honour of entertaining here to-night—his Highness Prince John of Glucksburg. As regards our foreign brethren, I can only say that the more we see of them, the better we are pleased, and the more intimately we are connected with them, the more it will tend towards the great work of Masonry; and I am sure, brethren, you will all agree with me that wherever we go we are well received in foreign Lodges. Our principles are to promote, as far as we can, peace and goodwill among mankind. The more, therefore, we see of our foreign brethren, the more we shall help to promote that feeling and to bring forth peace among nations. We are always glad, whether in Masonry or in any other assembly, to see any relatives of the Worshipful Grand Master or of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales among us; but on this occasion the pleasure is enhanced because Prince John of Glucksburg is one of ourselves—one of our Craft. As his Royal Highness has already told you, he is a Pro Grand Master of Denmark, and I say that he is far more than that, for he is a member now of our own Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness has conferred upon him this day the dignity of a Past Grand Warden of England. Brethren, it needs no other words from me to give Prince John of Glucksburg a cordial welcome among us. Prince John of Glucksburg, in reply, said:—My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren,—I thank you most warmly in my own name as well as in that of the members of foreign Lodges, for the toast which has just been given, and for the cordial manner in which you have been so good as to welcome it. It will be, I am sure, a source of the greatest satisfaction to them to hear that this toast has been so kindly received, and I feel proud in being called upon to respond on behalf of so important and numerous a body. I must take advantage of this opportunity to thank my illustrious relative the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the compliment which he has paid me by appointing me a Past Senior Grand Warden of England. I can assure you I highly appreciate the honour, and I know it will be equally valued by the brethren abroad, and especially by those residing in my own country of Denmark, and in the Scandinavian kingdom, as tending to draw still closer than heretofore the intimate relations which already exist between the Masonic bodies of those countries and of England. In conclusion, my Lord Mayor and brethren, allow me to state the great pleasure which it has afforded me to be present on this interesting occasion, and to be able to meet so many of my English brethren holding such high positions in the Craft. I once more return you my hearty acknowledgment for your kind reception, and beg you to believe I shall never forget it. The Prince of Wales then said:—Brethren, the last toast which is to be given here this evening has been kindly entrusted to my care. Though it is the last it is by no means the least, and it is one which I know you, brethren and members of the Grand Lodge, will all drink most cordially and most heartily with me—the Health of the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor will, I am sure, allow me to say that I feel convinced that in the last weeks of the remainder of his tenure of office it has given him pleasure to receive the Grand Lodge this evening. Therefore, on their part, and on my own, I beg again to thank him for the compliment he has paid us, and assure him how much we appreciate being here in the Mansion House, more especially as I have the pleasure and privilege on many occasions of partaking of the well-known hospitality of the Lord Mayor, and he will, I know, allow me to say, that I accept that hospitality always with the greatest pleasure, not only for the compliment he has always paid me, and his predecessors have paid me individually, but as a citizen of this great city. I now, brethren, call upon you most cordially to drink with me to the "Health of the Lord Mayor."

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was received with loud and long-continued cheering, said,—May it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and brethren,—The great and distinguished honour which has been conferred upon me to-night I never can forget, because it is not only an honour conferred upon me, but it is also an honour conferred upon the City of London. Your Royal Highness has been pleased, in proposing my health, to allude to one or two circumstances which to me have been great memorials. In the year 1863 I was called upon by my brother fellow-citizens to preside over a committee which received your Royal Highness and the Princess; and later on, in St. Paul's Cathedral, on that great day of thanksgiving, I had the honour, in conjunction with my co-Sheriff, Sir John Bennett, of receiving your Royal Highness and her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; and now, as Lord Mayor of London, I am permitted the proud and distinguished honour of receiving your Royal Highness as Grand Master in this ancient hall. I need not say, therefore, what my feelings are on this occasion. I dare not express them, but I must at least say that it will ever be to me and my family a proud remembrance that as Lord Mayor of this great City I have been permitted not only to entertain his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and this is the first time that name has been used in this hall this evening, but also the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of our Craft. A selection of music was performed during the evening, under the direction of Worshipful Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., assisted by Miss José Sherrington, Miss Alice Fairman, Mr. Wm. Shakespeare and Bro. Thurley Beale.

The *City Press* says that on Monday night it was a subject of (perhaps not very serious) conversation in City and Masonic circles whether the Government would not institute an investigation into the funds of Grand Lodge. It was presumed that this new duty would not be undertaken before the Livery Companies' Commission had finished their inquisition.

LADBROKE HALL.

TIME was—and not so very many years ago—when London and its environs afforded but the poorest possible accommodation for parties or individuals who were desirous of amusing themselves, or satisfying the often pressing requirements of what is known as the "inner man." An idea apparently prevailed that, save in one's own house or a club, or in some of the best appointed, and therefore expensive, hostelries, a man had no just reason to expect anything but the most ordinary accommodation. And as it was with the place of entertainment, so was it with the refreshment that was obtainable. We need hardly, however, be at the pains of repeating the terrible grumblings that were heard on all sides respecting these matters in former days. We rejoice to say we have during these latter years mended our ways very considerably and considerately. Something else than the time-honoured sandwich and pork-pie may be had comfortably in most parts of the metropolis, and it is not necessary we should become a member of some club in order to enjoy the *agréments* of life, outside our own homes. We may not, perhaps, have attained the ideal of Paris in these respects, but not a few among our public caterers sufficiently understand and appreciate the requirements of the age we live in, and have wisely devoted their intelligence and energies to the not unthankful task of ministering to the comforts of the community. Twenty years ago, for instance—more or less—the neighbourhood of Notting Hill was, as it is now, a most deservedly popular place of residence. The houses were well-built and convenient, and there were, as times went then, considerable facilities for reaching the City. But we cannot call to mind that it was favoured with anything in the way of accommodation for those who might be desirous of giving modest, but enjoyable, entertainments of a private character. There may have been Institutes of a more or less formal character, but to the best of our recollection—and we are sorry to say it extends back beyond thirty rather than twenty years—there were no such places as the Ladbroke Hall, which is situated close by the Notting Hill Station of the Metropolitan Railway, and which we have had the pleasure of visiting—not for the first time—in the course of the last few days. Of this Hall our worthy Bro. Linscott is the proprietor, and as the number of those among our brethren who have been brought into contact with him may, without exaggeration, be set down as legion, we need not dwell on his fitness for the position he occupies. But if it should be ruled by those who know him not, or but slightly, that such a course would be desirable, we should content ourselves with advising them to follow our example, and, taking train to Notting Hill, inspect the premises for themselves. Had this advice been offered them a year ago, and they had followed it, we know well they would have been delighted with the excellent and extensive accommodation the Hall affords for every description of gathering. But if they should go thither now, this sense of pleasure must be largely increased, by reason of the many improvements which have been added, the enlargement of the premises, and the admirable taste with which these improvements and changes have been carried out. Ladbroke Hall, as it is now constituted, contains several spacious apartments, in any one of which private parties, balls, concerts, &c., may be given, and the guests will feel themselves at home. The hall proper, which is necessarily the largest room, is fitted with a stage, which may be used for dramatic representations or will serve the purpose of an orchestra for balls or concerts, while the body of the room will suffice for the presence of five hundred people, either as an audience or as guests. For a local meeting, too, it is found most useful, and with the room at side, which is only separated by movable partitions, it is possible, on extraordinary occasions, to obtain additional space sufficient to meet all probable requirements. On the floor above is a large supper or dining room, which possesses what, in the eyes of our readers, will prove the still greater advantage of being convertible into an excellent and commodious Lodge room, where, indeed, at this present time, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, has its quarters established. These rooms furnish the principal accommodation, but they are further supplemented by a number of smaller rooms—retiring rooms for ladies and gentlemen—together with every convenience in the way of lavatories, &c. &c. The premises throughout are tastefully decorated, and the appointments and furnishing harmonise well with the decorations. In short, Ladbroke Hall is one of the best buildings of its kind we have seen, and better premises for holding Lodge meetings could not possibly have been designed. There is one other point, however, to which it is desirable we should refer, namely, the provision and conveniences that are available for Lodge banquets, ball suppers, dinner parties, &c. &c. As we have said before, to those who know Bro. Linscott, and have had opportunities of judging of him as a public caterer, it is unnecessary we should address any remarks. But to them who know him not we will take upon ourselves to say that no one who may trust him with the duty of providing dinner, supper, breakfast, or light refreshment, need be under any alarm as to his thorough and satisfactory fulfilment of the trust. He has an excellent cellar of wines; his adjoining premises enable him to serve a banquet that will ensure commendation from the most fastidious; and in Mrs. Linscott and his numerous attendants, he has, as regards the former, one who will take a delight in seconding her husband's efforts to please, and in the latter an experienced and willing staff who will not spare themselves in their desire to satisfy either their employer or the guests who may delight to favour him with their patronage. We sincerely trust that Bro. Linscott will reap the full benefit of his recent large expenditure in the shape of that increased support and patronage he has so assiduously endeavoured to secure.

The installation Festival of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 1565, will be held at Lymm, Cheshire, on Thursday, the 4th *proximo*. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland will instal Bro. George Richardson W.M. elect on the occasion.

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BRO. NORTON AND PHILADELPHIA MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Norton's argument, based on the Lodge lists, published in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," that "Lodge No. 79 of 1730 was born in England, lived in England, and died in England," seems unexceptionable, and I think the warmest advocate of the claims of Philadelphia to regard that particular Lodge as the first result of the deputation granted to Bro. Coxe, will most probably come to the same conclusion. But it does not follow that Philadelphia is on this account deprived of its title to be the mother-city of American Freemasonry. It must first of all be shown that the statement as to a deputation having been granted to Bro. Coxe as Provincial Grand Master of New York, Pennsylvania, &c., is merely a myth. In the next place it must be shown that the statements of contemporaneous journals, to the effect that very soon after the alleged grant of that deputation meetings of the brethren in Philadelphia took place, were without any foundation. Then when the very difficult task of proving these negatives, or, at least, the latter of the two, has been achieved, it may reasonably be accepted that Philadelphia is not, in respect of American Freemasonry, what she claims to be, namely, its mother-city. For myself, I have never been a very warm supporter of the theory that Lodge No. 79 hailed from Philadelphia. It was too vague a proposition, too unsubstantiated by anything in the shape of direct evidence to commend itself to my mind. But I have always looked upon the Coxe deputation and the extracts from the Philadelphia journal—I forget its name for the moment—as having a very direct bearing upon the subject, and till the reality of their existence has been seriously disturbed, I shall always be of the opinion that Freemasonry undoubtedly established itself in Philadelphia before it did in any other city of the present United States. I will go further and say that, even if the Coxe deputation was never granted—and I know no Craftsmen who is more competent to throw light on this than Bro. Gould—I should still hold to the belief that the evidence of a contemporary journal as to there having been meetings of the Craft in the City of Brotherly Love cannot be overset. We must not judge the Masonic arrangements of those days as to the Constitution of Lodges by the methodical regulations of the present, when petitions, backed up by recommendations, are formerly submitted to the authorities, and warrants are granted or refused as they see fit.

In and about the year 1730 Lodges came into being—especially in a remote colony of England, as Pennsylvania then was—with but scant ceremony, and it is easy to imagine how a few English Masons who had settled in America, or a few colonials who, during a temporary sojourn in this country, had become members of the Craft, and returned full of real admiration for Masonry, would meet together and constitute themselves into a Lodge, without those formalities which now-a-days are held to be preliminarily necessary to the formation of a Lodge. And when it became known that some brother had been made Provincial Grand Master of a part or the whole of the British North American Colonies, it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that the informal constitution of such Lodge would be accepted, and that any warrant that might be given to it would be antedated to the period of their first regular meetings. Those who have studied the earliest published lists of Lodges, and have noted the frequent changes in their order and dates of constitution, will have no difficulty in imagining that, having regard to those frequent changes and irregularities in the case of our Lodges at home, there would certainly be still more remarkable and inexplicable changes among Lodges constituted in a distant colony. With all our anxiety to obtain direct evidence about such interesting matters, we cannot afford to disregard the claims of circumstantial evidence altogether, especially when it comes before us in the shape of contemporaneous newspaper announcements.

Trusting Bro. Gould will find leisure to write to you as to his knowledge of the Coxe Deputation, and his opinion, if he has given the matter his consideration, about early Freemasonry in Philadelphia,

I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

P.S.—I need not trouble Bro. Hughan, as everybody knows how ardent a supporter he is of the view I have expressed—to wit, that Philadelphia is the mother city of American Freemasonry.

PH.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A correspondent, writing under the name of "DISCIPLE," again opens a question of some importance, which, if I am not mistaken, has already received a considerable amount of attention in your journal. He comments upon the unsatisfactory manner in which the business of most of the Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction is conducted, and points to the low standard of educational attainments observable in the chosen Preceptors. He very justly remarks that "a course of training in the elementary knowledge of English grammar might prove of some advantage to teacher and pupil." There can scarcely be two opinions as to the desirability of improvement in that direction. The educated mind would more readily discern the many incongruities to which hitherto undisputed assent has been given, and trained intelligence would be more likely to appreciate and accept the excellent and valuable emendations which, with brighter intellect, some eminent brethren have for years past advocated and endeavoured to introduce; but to which ignorance, prejudice, and a kind of superstitious Conservatism have proved a stumbling block, so that their zealous efforts have met with but very poor success. It would certainly not diminish the prestige of the Order if the Preceptors, as the remarks of "DISCIPLE" imply, were capable of delivering expositions of the history, philosophy, and science of Freemasonry, and possessed the requisite knowledge to enlighten the inquisitive pupil upon difficult, and real or seemingly obscure questions. Experience, however, proves that any attempt to deviate from the beaten track would be received with scant toleration. The reason for the apathy and opposition is not far to seek. As a general rule the attendants at Lodges of Instruction are those who have either an immediate or contiguous prospect of advancement in their own Lodge. These consider Lodges of Instruction merely as a convenient and inexpensive stage for rehearsal of the routine of general Lodge work. The words of the ceremonies, as indeed of the Lectures, &c., are learnt, not as "DISCIPLE," in his innocence and guilelessness imagines, by being "conveyed orally," but from openly published and freely advertised books, containing in a more or less correct form all that is required for the efficient performance of the duties of every office in the Lodge. Hence, a brother who happens to be conversant with what might not inaptly be termed the drill, and who exhibits the tact and capacity of a drill sergeant, is elected and suffered to occupy the important post of Preceptor, notwithstanding his palpable ignorance of the elementary principles of the science, the eccentric use of his mother tongue, and the audacious liberties he takes with poor, unfortunate letter H.

The question of scholarly attainments, which might presumably be expected to be possessed by any one accepting the office of teacher of our exalted mysteries, does in no way trouble or interest the average pupil. He has neither the time, nor, indeed, the inclination or care, to become acquainted with anything beyond the requirements of ordinary Lodge work, and the height of his ambition is attained by the ephemeral distinction of having passed the chair in his Lodge. Then his business with the Preceptor is ended, and the Lodge of Instruction sees him no more.

There is no doubt that at no immeasurable distance of time all these much-to-be-regretted conditions must and will change. The successful efforts which are at the present time being made to spread a higher education amongst all classes cannot fail to exercise a wholesome influence, and render intelligent pupils more numerous, and therefore an ignorant and ill-trained Preceptor an impossibility.

But, meanwhile, it would be ungracious and ungenerous to withhold a due meed of praise and warm acknowledgment to those brethren who so freely offer their time and energies, which in all probability might in many cases be more pleasantly and profitably employed, and who, whatever their fitness or capacity, are ever ready and willing to counsel, advise, and instruct in such knowledge as they possess, and in the best manner they know how, and who give their services gratuitously to the advantage of the Craft, by undertaking the onerous and thankless task of occupying the position of Preceptor of a Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction.

Fraternally yours,

E. GOTTHEIL.

COUNCIL OF ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

Ebor Council (T.I.)—A meeting of this Council was held at York, on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., when there were present—Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., G. Simpson P.M. as S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., A. T. B. Turner S.D., E. J. de Salis as J.D., W. P. Husband I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, W. B. Dyson, J. J. Wilkes, &c. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.W., Secretary of the Boys' School, was also present. Bro. Oates, of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, was admitted to the Order of St. Lawrence, and, with several of the other members of the Council, was subsequently admitted to the degrees of Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest. After the close of the proceedings, the brethren met at the Grill, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

The will of Bro. Edward Cox, late of 102 Chancery-lane, law stationer, and of Carlton-road, Putney-hill, who died on the 15th ult., was proved on the 7th inst., by Mrs. Lydia Cox, the widow, and Mr. Edward Hanslope Cox, the son, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £6,000. The testator gives and bequeaths all his real and personal estate whatsoever to his wife for her own absolute use and benefit.

Most of our readers, and certainly those who have the pleasure of knowing Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. of E. Lancashire, will learn with feelings of regret that he has been seriously ill. Later accounts, however, report a considerable improvement in his condition, and we trust that ere long our worthy and distinguished brother may be so far restored to health and strength as to take his place once more amongst us with his accustomed energy and ability.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted a copy of Bro. F. Julian Croger's "Masonic Musical Muse."

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 167.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Ralph Firbank P.M., who was supported during the proceedings by Bros. Jno. Yeomans I.P.M., John Eldridge, Edward Barge, T. Jackson, J. Ware, C. Pritchard, C. A. Mueller W.M.; P.M.'s Geo. Davis S.W., E. A. Dutton J.W., H. Cornick P.M. Treas., J. R. Thompson Sec., J. G. Humphreys J.D., Fred. Adlard P.M. No. 7 D. of C., W. Wilkinson I.G., several members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. F. H. Tibbitts J.W. 59, S. Beattie 1507, T. Fred. Wuest P.M. 753, J. Hardy 1386, W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, G. W. Blackie I.P.M. 1426, G. Barrett P.M. 212, T. Cosherwood P.M. 55, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, J. E. Strokirk 188, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, G. N. Watts P.M. 194, J. Davis J.D. 879, N. Thompson S.D. 1695, E. E. Barratt Kidder J.W. 12, James Barford 173, A. Berry Sec. 1695, W. T. Hook 1642. Business of a formal character having been transacted Bro. George Davis was presented for installation, and having been placed in the chair, with the customary ceremony, he invested the following as Officers—Bros. Dutton S.W., Cornick P.M. Treas., Thompson Sec., Humphreys S.D., Wilkinson J.D., E. Storr I.G., Hollis D. of C. and W.S., Steedman Tyler. In the unavoidable of the brother who was to have been appointed J.W., Bro. P.M. Barge was invested with the collar *pro tem.* In appointing Bro. Hollis as D. of C. the W.M. referred to the long services of their esteemed friend Bro. Adlard, who had filled the office for the past six-and-twenty years. Bro. Adlard had expressed a wish to be relieved, and although he could but regret the loss of so worthy an Officer, the W.M. had acceded to the wish. He felt sure in Bro. Hollis the Lodge would find a worthy successor. Four brethren were elected for the Audit Committee, and then the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where they were well entertained for the remainder of the evening. The Worshipful Master in this position proving himself as capable as in that of presiding over a Lodge. After the banquet, and grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts. Bro. Thompson P.M., the Secretary, then assumed the gavel to propose the toast of the W.M. He was taken somewhat unawares, but was very much gratified that he had the opportunity of proposing the health of Bro. Davis. He had had the pleasure of initiating, passing, and raising their newly installed Master, at the time he presided over the destinies of the Lodge. Since that day Bro. Davis had shown a very great interest in Freemasonry, and had progressed in a manner almost unprecedented. He had made himself known throughout the Craft for the way in which he worked the ceremonies of the Order, and he (the speaker) felt that the St. John's Lodge could but prosper under his guidance. Bro. Davis expressed his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him. He little remembered when he passed the gavel to Bro. Thompson that he was the brother who had initiated him into the secrets of Freemasonry; but, having the fact called to his mind, he well remembered the circumstance. He also remembered how kindly he was received on the night of his initiation, and that he had then said he hoped he should make progress, and become a credit to the Lodge. He trusted the past had justified the wish he then expressed. The health of the visitors was next proposed, and responded to by several of the guests. The Past Masters were duly honoured. The W.M. in proposing their health, referred to the recent death of one who had been well known in connection with St. John's Lodge for many years—he referred to Bro. T. Adams P.G.P.—whose death would cause a vacancy in many Lodges, and in many circles of friends, which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. The I.P.M. having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, which having been acknowledged, was followed by that of the Officers of the Lodge; theirs bringing the toast list to a conclusion, was the signal for the Tyler to give his parting benediction.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE first meeting of this Lodge for the winter session took place on Thursday, 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous attendance, under the presidency of the esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Sampson Genge. Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, soon after six o'clock, when there were present:—Bros. Thomas J. Cusworth P.M., Bartlett P.M., C. Hubbard P.M. 820 (acting as S.W., in the room of Bro. Gabb S.W., unavoidably absent), W. Pierpoint J.W., John Stillwell Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, L. C. Haslip acting as S.D., J. Thomas J.D., Alfred J. Potter I.G., Joseph Boulton Steward, C. T. Speight P.M. 27 Prov. Grand Tyler Surrey Tyler; Bros. A. Lamplough, F. W. Swales, James Smalley, Abraham Rose, Alfred Pearson, J. Dicks, George J. Westfield, Bevans John Keast, Thomas Woods, F. O. Skinner, C. Weeden, W. Binckes, J. Hobenstock, Alfred Heath, W. Page, F. Millson, J. Bond, A. Faucquez, W. T. Taylor, George Mustoe, H. Allardyce, G. Dowse, W. Crabb, C. Stephenson, Louis Duke, E. Boulstrop, J. Chadwick, J. T. Sinclair, C. Smith. Visitors—Bros. T. H. Bird 1567, T. Andrews P.M. 1158, Charles Hammond and Robert Biggar 820, W. E. Kelsey and R. Kelsey 1178, R. Pye 193, L. Western 1693, Edward C. Kilsby 1702, Henry H. Whale 172, William Iron 1579, John Fowler 1158. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. T. G. Woods was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. C. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working of the Lodge was universally admired, and although it was evident the W.M. was suffering from an irritating affection of the throat, yet the charges were delivered with almost faultless precision, and with considerable elocutionary effect. He was ably supported by his Officers, and, taken altogether, the ceremonies were pervaded with an amount of intelligence and perfection we seldom witness, even in Metropolitan Lodges. It was unanimously resolved that the annual ball, which has proved so successful in past years, should be repeated this season, and the J.W., who was heartily supported by the I.G., who seconded the resolution, predicted even a greater success this time. A sum of five guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge in aid of a distressed brother. After the usual formalities, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the coffee-room of the hotel, where a *récherché* repast was spread by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. There were about sixty guests, under the genial presidency of the W.M., and at the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured with enthusiasm. Bro. R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, in giving the health of the Worshipful Master, said all who had been in the Lodge must have observed the remarkably excellent manner in which Bro. Genge had worked the various degrees. Although suffering from a hoarseness that was perceptible to all present, he nevertheless acquitted himself admirably, though from the cause to which he had alluded, the company must excuse him from entering upon anything like long speeches this evening. This was the first time he had worked the third degree, and he was satisfied the whole of the ceremonies had been performed in a manner that had given pleasure as well as instruction to all present. The W.M., in responding, said he felt the honour they had done him in electing him to the position he now occupied, and it was a great satisfaction to him to know, or at least to hope, that his efforts to promote the well-being of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren had given them satisfaction. To-night he had not discharged his duties as efficiently as he could have wished, as he was suffering from a cold, and if he had consulted his own convenience he should have stayed away. At some future time he hoped to perform the ceremony more satisfactorily—at all events to himself. He thanked them all very much for the way in which his toast was always received, for he had always tried to please and to engender a kindly feeling amongst the brethren. From the reception given to the toast, he flattered himself he had succeeded, and as long as he was connected with the Lodge he should make great endeavours to uphold its dignity and promote its best interests. Bro. Hubbard P.M., in responding, said he had been very much delighted with the manner in which the ceremonies had been worked; in fact, it had been a rich Masonic treat. Since their last meeting he had had the pleasure of meeting many of the brethren on board the "Maria Wood," and elsewhere, and he hoped they should have another pleasurable meeting at the ball which it was intended to hold in connection with the New Concord Lodge, for he had heard it said there had never been a more genial lot of men or more beautiful women than they had at previous re-unions of a similar character in connection with this Lodge. Bros. Pye and Kilsby also responded, eulogising highly the manner in which the ceremonies had been worked. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed the Past Masters, which toast was received with special honours, and in reply Bro. Bartlett expressed his regret at being unable to attend the duties of his Lodge more frequently, on account of having to be present at the Committee meetings of another institution, which proved a great saving to the rates of the country. Bro. Cusworth also responded in a happy speech. The W.M. then proposed the Masonic Charities, in responding for which toast Bro. L. C. Haslip said it was an unexpected pleasure that had been imposed upon him, and he accepted it as a great honour. He had the privilege of going up last year as Steward for the Old People, and he hoped he should have the honour of going up again in a similar capacity for the other two Charities. They could not too much impress upon the brethren the importance of those Institutions—the great good they had done in the past, and the good they might foresee in the future, He hoped therefore the brethren would support them to a far greater extent than they had done hitherto. It was a matter for hope, that instead of £12,000 or £14,000 being collected in one year for each of them, that sum might be doubled in every instance. He sincerely hoped they might not in future see the lamentable spectacle of an Institution only being enabled to admit fifteen or sixteen candidates out of an approved list of seventy. The W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, on whose behalf Bro. Pierpoint responded in a genial speech, and the official programme concluded with the Tyler's toast. There was an abundance of music and singing to make the evening enjoyable.

HEMMING LODGE, No. 1512, HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THIS prosperous and popular Lodge recommenced its session on Thursday, the 21st October. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Jessett, opened the meeting precisely at five p.m. in the presence of some twenty lay members, and aided by most of the assistant Officers. The minutes of the last regular meeting of the 18th March having been read and unanimously confirmed, the W.M. called upon the Secretary to read the report of the Audit Committee, of which the salient points were that the Treasurer has over £75 balance in hand, although no fresh blood had been introduced into the Lodge during the terminating Mastership. There were, however, four candidates, elected as long ago as last March, awaiting initiation by the ensuing Master. Some confusion appeared to have arisen in reference to the construction of the bye-laws, which was easily removed by the decisive proposition of the W.M. elect, "that the words, 'to be respectively raised to ten guineas, and three guineas on the number of members reaching forty,' be expunged from bye-law IV." The working of this bye-law had proved adverse to the interests of the Lodge, inasmuch as the members, although including two who had been received on the ten guinea scale, had been reduced from forty, the maximum under the original rules, to twenty-six before the said rule could be re-

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scinded. With this effected, however, an ample year's work lies before the incoming Master. Bro. Jessett, after signing the election meeting minutes, as confirmed in favour of Bro. T. W. Ockenden, and opening the Lodge in the second degree, called upon Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, to take the chair, he having promised to perform the ceremony of installation. The call having been responded to, Bro. Thomas William Ockenden was most effectively inducted into the chair of K.S., and gave an earnest, in the excellent manner in which he invested his Officers, of what may be expected from a very able Master during his year of office. Bro. John Hammond, the Installing Master, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in a form that called forth the admiration of the entire Lodge. The Officers for the current session are, Bros. John Cameron Jessett I.P.M., Thomas Charles Walls S.W., Frederick William Kent J.W., and Bros. Hiscox, Moody, Wheeler Knowles, Sozer, and Davey S.D., J.D., I.G., M.C., W.S. and junior W.S. respectively. These brethren, together with the Past Masters Bros. W. Hammond, E. Hopwood, J. Hammond, J. Hurst, C. W. Fox, and the I.P.M., constitute the permanent committee for the ensuing year. The labours of the evening having necessarily been limited to the installation, the Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren and Visitors adjourned, nearly forty in number, to one of the best appointed banquets that the Lodge has partaken of from the period of its first consecration and installation banquet, six years since. The various regular toasts were given with great spirit by the W.M., and responded to by the respective brethren in their several offices and positions. The inanition of the year having precluded the presentation of a jewel to the I.P.M., to whom, however, the brethren, with a single exception, had unanimously voted ten guineas in place thereof, with which to purchase a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Institutions, some of the sympathising brethren had privately subscribed for a Past Master's jewel, which the W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, gracefully handed to the I.P.M., accompanying the act with appropriate and encouraging words of sympathy. The I.P.M., who had heard nothing previously of the matter, heartily thanked the brethren for this mark of their friendship, and detailed the history of the difficulties he had had to encounter during his year of office, which impelled him, though very reluctantly, to put his veto upon the work that had been placed within the precincts of the Lodge. Among the Visitors, who, without exception, expressed their gratification at the beautiful work of the evening, and the amplitude of the banquet, were Bros. Wm. Groome P.M. Finsbury Lodge 861, H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey, J. Wilson P.M. Etonian 209, F. Honeywell P.M. Dobie 889 P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, H. Handell Wolsey 1656, J. W. Gaze Progress 1768, T. Knapp Northern Lodge of China, Shanghai, 576, Edward Ayling Rose of Denmark 975, and John Welch Fidelity No. 3. Letters of congratulation and apologies for absence were received by the W.M. from Bros. John Bowes P.M. 148 P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. T. Rogers P.M. 70, 105, 1550, J. Terry Sec. Royal M.B.I., Albert Marvin 1768, J. E. Hunt 1768, Wm. Fisher P.M. 834, &c.

CRUSADERS' LODGE, No. 1677.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Bro. Thomas Goode W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers and the members of the Lodge, as well as by a strong muster of visitors. The opening ceremonies having been despatched, the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the emergency meetings of the 13th and 27th September were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was then submitted and accepted, and we may congratulate our worthy friends, the Crusaders, on the admirable disposition of their accounts. The special business of the evening followed, and in due course, with solemn ceremony, and in strict accordance with ancient usage, Bro. J. W. Simmonds was installed Master of the Lodge, the Installing Master being Dr. Hunter P.M., who fulfilled his duties in a most able and impressive manner. Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the new W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the year, a few words of kindly congratulation being offered in each case. These appointments were as follows, namely, Bros. Rothschild S.W., Millward J.W., Maples P.M. Treasurer, Defriez P.M. Secretary, Rev. W. H. Casely Chaplain, Calderwood S.D., J. Piggott J.D., Cumings I.G., W. G. Goode D.C., A. Goode A.D.C., Hunter P.M. Steward, F. Goode Assistant Steward, and Very Tyler. After the usual congratulations, the work of the Lodge proceeded, and ballots were taken for Messrs. Harold Halliday, Dr. W. P. Hollis, and Mr. James Speller. These proving satisfactory, the several gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry, in a manner which fully justified the choice of the members of the Lodge in their selection of a W.M. for the present year. There was no other business to get through, and consequently Lodge was closed with the usual formalities. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which was served in a style worthy of the establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and it is needless to say experienced a hearty reception. To the toast of the Initiates, the newly-admitted members briefly but appropriately replied. Then followed that of the W.M., which, of course, fell to the lot of Bro. Past Master Goode, who, in the course of his remarks, paid a just tribute of respect to the sterling worth of their new W.M. Such a toast indeed could not have been entrusted to better hands, and W.M. Simmonds acknowledged the many compliments paid him by his predecessor, as well as the heartiness of the reception his health had met with from the brethren, in a manner which reflected on him the greatest credit. And having acknowledged the toast, Bro. Simmonds went on to propose, in highly eulogistic, yet well-merited terms, the health of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Goode, complimenting him on the efficiency he had shown in the chair, and expressing a hope that when his year of office was determined, it might be be in his power to point to as effective a rule as Bro. Goode's. He then presented the I.P.M. with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the Lodge, expressing the pleasure it afforded him at having had the opportunity of presenting such a testimonial, and likewise the hope that Bro. Goode might be spared for many years, so as to enjoy the respect and affection of his fellow Masons. Bro. Goode having suitably and feelingly acknowledged the compliment, the health of the Installing Master, Dr. Hunter, was next proposed, and met with a hearty reception. The Visitors followed, and among those who responded were Bros. Harper, Cartwright, &c. Other toasts, such as are usually honoured on these occasions, were then given *seriatim*, that of the Tyler bringing a most agreeable evening to a close. Having now fulfilled our duty as reporters, it becomes us to assume for once the office of critic. The Crusaders is a popular, and we have every reason to believe, a rising Lodge, while its Worshipful Master would not have had the honour of presidency conferred upon him had he not shown, in his past career, that he was in every respect worthy of such honour. Having thus rendered him that measure of justice which is due to him both personally and officially, he will doubtless forgive us if we suggest that in one or two trifling respects his bearing in the chair will stand improvement. It cannot be said—from the fact of his having already occupied the chair in another Lodge—that he is young in Masonry. Hence it is that we should greatly prefer to see him lay aside that tone of flippancy which marked his delivery of several toasts on the evening of which we have just given a record. We are not quite so impervious to a joke as the proverbial Scotchman, or, in other words, we do not need that our skulls should be cracked in order that the passing pleasantry of the moment may be sufficiently impressed upon us. For this reason it is that we think it ill-advised in proposing certain familiar toasts to adopt a manner which cannot be complimentary to those whom they are designed to honour, or creditable to the Lodge in which they are proposed. We claim to have no little experience of Lodge gatherings, and we have always laboured under the impression that respect to all brethren was one of the foremost duties of Craftsmen. We trust the new Master of the Crusaders' Lodge will take these remarks in the same spirit in which they are offered. We congratulate him on his position, and we have pleasure in saying that in addition to the members of his Lodge there were present, to pay him respect, the following brethren :—Bros. J. W. Cartwright 1671, Thomas Vernon 25, Thomas Morris 1218, H. L. Wolters P.M. 538, John Lovell J.D. 1489, R. J. Taylor W.M. 144, J. F. Rothschild 1288, R. Harper P.M. 813, Bigley S.W. 1298, Samuel Price P.M. 1288, J. D. Spires 1471, A. Mallord S.W. 1288, G. W. Evans Org. 1632, Mark Larlham P.M. 1266, W. Habern 1158, Charles Evans 860, Samuel Goode 1288, Thomas Wildover 742, J. W. Chapman 1622, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Edgar Bowyer P.S.G.W. Herts, Paul Storr 167, R. G. Thomas Org. 1602, F. W. Clayton 1588, J. Baker 1471.

Gihon Lodge, No. 49.—The first meeting of the members of this Lodge, since the vacation, took place on Thursday evening, 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Leopold R. Smith. There were also present :—Bros. John W. More S.W., Jas. Moon J.W., Jas. Stillard Treas., H. Waterworth Sec., Henry Venn D.C., F. H. Speller Organist, Joseph Smith I.G., Alfred Williams P.M., P. A. Bianchi P.M.; also Bros. Alfred C. Wood, Wyndham Hart, Enston Anderson jun., Alfred Kelly, G. H. Wilkinson, John Turner jun., and George Hall. Visitors—Bros. Henry Silby 207, Henry A. Ralls 12, Arthur E. Smith P.M. 383, A. Millar 25, Herbert Dickett 23, and George Sandell 167. After Lodge business, the brethren dined together, and the usual toasts were interspersed with some excellent music.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—The Annual Banquet of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. There was a very fair muster of the brethren, and the meeting found a most genial president in the person of Bro. J. Cooper, Senior Warden of the Mother Lodge. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. T. B. Linscott J.W. 55, and John Soper 55, the Honorary Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction; and among the Stewards who were present must be mentioned—Bros. Abell, Bingemann (Preceptor), W. G. Dickins, T. B. Dodson, J. H. Dodson, H. R. Hallam, &c. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, Bro. Bond, host of the Bedford, sparing no pains to make the guests as comfortable as possible, and, to that end, placing before them a banquet which fully justified his reputation as a caterer. The usual toasts were given by Bro. Cooper, whose presence in the chair left nothing to be desired; while his efforts to make the occasion a success were most ably seconded by Bros. Linscott and Soper.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 20th inst. Bros. James Hemming W.M., W. Cleghorn S.W., W. J. Burgess J.W., J. Hurdell Preceptor, L. G. Langdon Hon. Sec. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren :—First Lecture :—Bros. W. C. Smith, L. G. Langdon, Blundell, Birrell, Belfrage, E. Child, and E. Farwig. Second Lecture :—Bros. J. Pratt, W. J. Burgess, J. Paul, W. Cleghorn, and J. Hurdell. Third Lecture :—Bros. J. Lonsdale, H. Richardson, and C. A. Woods. There were 42 members present, and the proceedings throughout were admirably conducted; in short, a most instructive evening was spent by the brethen.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday. Bros. Williams W.M., Carr S.W., Christian J.W., Dignam S.D., Smyth J.D., Catlin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also

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Bros. Dallas, Wardell, Clark, Polak, Allen, and others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising; this was followed by Bro. Wallington P.M. working the ceremony of installation, Bro. Williams as W.M. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Wallington P.M. gave the addresses in a very able manner. The W.M. then passed Bro. Polak to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday next, Bro. Lorkin to preside. Brethren are invited to attend.

Warrington Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 18th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. Hindley, through indisposition, the chair was occupied by Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland. The following were among the members and visitors present:—Bros. W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., D. W. Finney P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Rymer Young I.P.M., Dr. Young S.W., James Paterson J.W., Thomas Grime S.D., Thomas Tunstall P.M. Treasurer, Captain Deacon, James Bayley, Dr. Mackie, Thomas Robinson, J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., J. Tomlinson P.M. 368, J. H. Galloway W.M. 1250, Edward Greenall 1354, P. J. Edelston P.M. 1134, George A. Clark and Thomas Domville Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared correctly recorded. Bro. Thomas Robinson, being a candidate for preferment, and having proved his claim, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Robinson was re-admitted and passed. Bro. Captain Deacon, being a candidate for advancement, and having given proof his worthiness, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Deacon re-admitted and raised. Both ceremonies were performed by the acting W.M., with the exception of the presentation of the working tools, which duty was discharged by the J.W. The Lodge was lowered, when a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. A. Peake J.D. on a recent bereavement. A grant of five pounds was made to a brother's widow, and a gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. This being all the business, the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—This zealous and well-appointed Lodge held its regular meeting at the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, on the evening of Tuesday, the 26th inst., and, in spite of the terribly stormy weather which prevailed, there was a very good muster of the brethren. As it had been arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the occasion, the time of assembly was fixed for 6 p.m., and punctually at that hour the chair was taken by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Nos. 820 and 1445 as W.M., with Bros. Cundick P.M. No. 1421 as S.W., Smith S.W. No. 860 as J.W., W. Musto P.M. No. 1349 I.P.M. and Preceptor, and E. T. Worsley No. 860 Secretary, to support him. After the customary preliminaries of opening the Lodge and reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting had been despatched, the Lodge settled down with, as proved to be the case, well-founded anticipations of a highly interesting and instructive programme. The sections were admirably worked, not hurriedly and in a perfunctory manner, as is too often the case, but deliberately, seriously, and with a due regard to the many beautiful illustrations with which our often-abused lectures abound. The following, under the guidance of Bro. Musto, and with the assistance of the Officers we have enumerated above, took part in the work of the evening, namely:—First Lecture:—Bros. S. Clarke, McDonald, Musto, Forss, McDonald, Pavitt, and Cundick. Second Lecture:—Bros. Seymour-Clarke, Johnson, Durell, Smith, and Worsley. Third Lecture:—Bros. Musto, Webb, and Cundick. At the conclusion of the work votes of thanks, in terms of well-merited eulogy, were cordially and unanimously passed to all who had contributed to so instructive an entertainment, and we, too, though it is somewhat out of the beaten path we habitually follow, feel constrained to add our expressions of congratulation to all concerned on the success of the gathering. Not only did the brethren work together most harmoniously, but they took the utmost pains to make their work as attractive as possible, and were careful to give all due emphasis where any emphasis was due. We are the better pleased at being in a position to render this just testimony to a meritorious Lodge of Instruction, as complaints innumerable have reached us of the discreditable ignorance which prevails in other Lodges of a similar character. We have only to refer to a letter we published last week, and others which follow it in the present issue, in order to prove that these complaints are not the result of fancy. We trust the Friars Lodge of Instruction will continue their labours under the auspices of their present able Preceptor, and with the same zeal and energy which have distinguished it heretofore. It remains for us to add that, in addition to those already named, there were present Bros. Butler, Spencer, Nash, Judd, Hodgson 1306, Holdom 1306, W. W. Morgan, and Webb. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, Bros. Capt. Spencer 1076, and Holdom and Hodgson, both of No. 1306, were elected members. Bro. Myers, too, in addition to the hearty vote of thanks accorded him as W.M. on the occasion, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and warmly acknowledged the compliment. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The slightest indisposition, to prevent its rapidly running from bad to worse, demands immediate attention from the afflicted of all classes. A few doses of these thoroughly purifying and strengthening Pills will always be beneficial when the least disorder reigns, or when nervous fears oppress. Two or three Pills at bed-time have the happiest effect in promoting perfect digestion, whereby the muscles are rendered more vigorous, the spirits more buoyant, and the entire frame more hardy. Holloway's medicine increases the quantity of nutriment derivable from a given quantity of food, whereby the quality of the blood is improved, the tone of every fibre throughout the body is heightened, and the disposition to fall into disease is reduced to a minimum.

DEATH OF BRO. CHARLES HARCOURT.

WE regret to hear that the injuries sustained by Bro. Charles Harcourt, the actor (who sustained a leading part in "The World," at Drury Lane Theatre), by falling through a trap while engaged in rehearsal at the Haymarket Theatre last week, have terminated fatally. He has remained at Charing Cross Hospital, where erysipelas supervened, and he died on Wednesday night from that cause. Bro. Harcourt had been before the London public as a successful actor for 17 years. He made his first appearance at the St. James's Theatre in 1863, and subsequently fulfilled engagements at Drury Lane, the Royalty, the Charing Cross, the Globe, the Haymarket, and the Adelphi Theatres. He played in the revival of Gilbert's "Pygmalion and Galatea" at the Haymarket in 1877, and as Count D'Aubeterre in "Proof," at the Adelphi in 1878.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

Mr. Harry Hunter, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk Minstrels, and the interlocutor of the troop, will take his Eighth Annual Benefit on Wednesday next, the 3rd November. We hope, as we anticipate, that there will be a gathering worthy of the occasion. Certainly, if programmes have anything to do with success, we doubt not it will be achieved in this instance. Several new songs are announced, together with other and appropriate novelties.

Madame Worrell gave her Annual Concert on Thursday, 21st Oct., at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, under the most favourable surroundings, every part of the hall being filled by the friends and supporters of this talented lady. Madame Worrell fairly excelled herself in the rendering of Pinsuti's—"It may be so," and in response to the demand for an encore gave "Thady O'Flynn." She also appeared to advantage in the solo—The Sailor's Grave—and in the two duets she assisted in during the evening.

We would remind our readers that the Masonic Ball in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held on Thursday next, at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, commencing at 9 o'clock. We learn that the preliminary arrangements are progressing most favourably, and we anticipate an enjoyable evening.

The Peckham Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the Maismore Arms Tavern, will in future be carried on at the Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, S.E. The first meeting as above was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd inst., and the meetings will be continued every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Bro. David Rose P.M. 749 and 1622 Preceptor.

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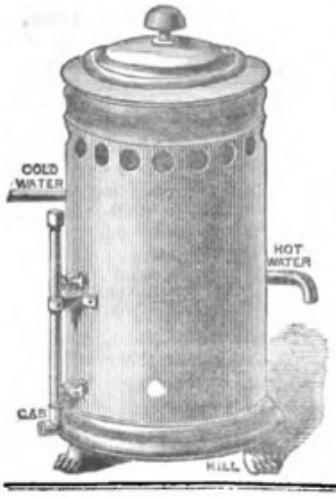
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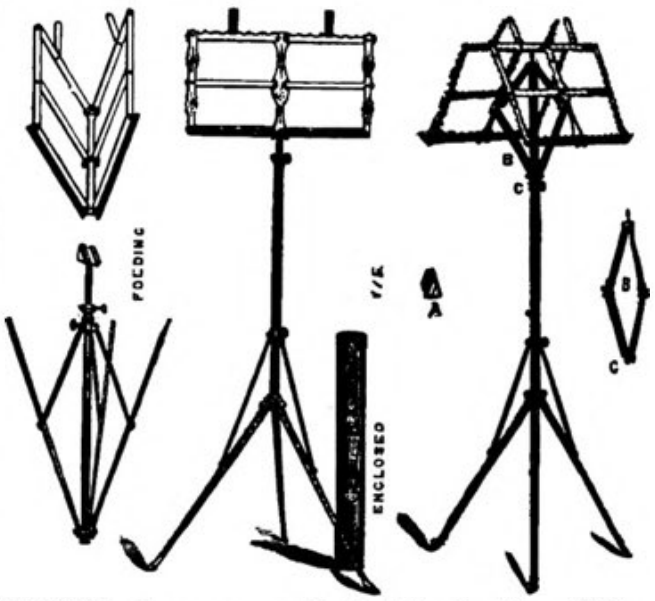
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

THE Annual Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Malta, on Friday, the 15th inst. The Lodge was opened in ample form at 7 p.m. Present:—R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-Law, P.G.M. on the throne; W. Bros. R. V. Westrup D.P.G.M. and Reed G.S.W., Bro. Walker as G.J.W., Bro. Watson as G.M.O., W. Bro. Mackinnon as G.S.O., Bros. Senior as G.S.O., Glenday as G. Reg., Backhouse as Grand Chaplain, and Segond Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. Coffey Grand Secretary, Bros. Tagliaferro as G.S.D., Pariente as G.J.D., Ford as Grand Director of Ceremonies, King Assist. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ewing Grand Organist, Stanley as Grand Sword Bearer, Flower as Grand Standard Bearer, England as G.I.G., and Beck Grand Tyler; Bros. Yeoman, Truefitt, Donovan, Borg, and May, Grand Stewards; Bros. Abbott, Matthews, Kay, Jones, Bent, Welch, O. Segond, Burt, Phillipps, Mackett, Pearce, Pariente, Griffin, Cann and Hacoune, of the Keystone Lodge, No. 107; Bros. 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G.M.M.M., on the 27th of April 1880, having been read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Master having pronounced the invocation, as Consecrating Officer, the Acting Grand Chaplain delivered, in a faultless manner, the following oration, expressly composed for the occasion by that distinguished exponent of the Mark Degree, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York:—Brethren,—On such an auspicious occasion as the present, when we are met together to consecrate the Union of Malta Lodge, in the Province of Tunis and Malta—a Province that has made more rapid progress than any other on the records of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England—it may not, perhaps, be deemed inopportune if I make a few remarks on the degree which we are now banded together with a view to practise, and touch lightly and briefly upon its origin, practice, and prospects. We, brethren, who live upon sites made classic by the deeds of those who have gone before—we who daily survey scenes enriched by the pen of the historian and the poet—who are familiar with lands and seas whose names are household words to the ear of the antiquarian and the archæologist—we can appreciate, perhaps, better than others, the legends which are treasured up in the teachings of the Mark degree. We need but to stroll round the palaces and fortresses which surround us, we have only carelessly to survey the ruins of that wondrous city—at once the marvel and the terror of the day of her zenith—to view on every hand the traces of those ancient builders, our fathers in Masonry, to whose genius we owe those art treasures, the boast of all ages and the patterns for all time. The creators of these wondrous fabrics, the architects and sculptors of these exquisite stones, have engraved their names in undying characters, and have moreover individually distinguished each man his work by means of that cipher which even to this day is practised. I mean the Mason's mark. Brethren, our legends come to us from the period of the erection of that stately edifice which crowned the Mount of God in Jerusalem, and we are told that in the process of building that Temple, the sound of workmen's tools was not heard. Why? Because the stones were all cut, *marked* in the quarries, and the *marks* guided the builders, who with square, trowel, and plumb line of wood, fitted the stones joint to joint until the last *keystone* was lowered into its place amid the plaudits of the crowds of admiring Masons. Descending through history and examining the ancient temples, military erections, and domiciles of the several ages, we still find Masons' marks in use amongst the builders, and whether we examine the ruined cities of Jordan, the walls of Jerusalem, the palaces of Venice, the cathedrals of England and the Continent, the wall of Hadrian, the mosques of Constantinople, still the same silent, yet speaking story, comes to us—the story of the fraternity of builders, whose marks, handed from father to son, record on the old stone the deeds of those who wrought them. There is no break in the story, which continues even to this day, on which we have met as Mark Masons, to perpetuate the principles which guided our forefathers. The extensive repairs now being conducted at that noble and massive specimen of Gothic architecture, the cathedral of St. Peter at York, are carried on exactly on the same principle as they were in the thirteenth century, when Archbishop Gray erected the glorious south transept, and the old Gothic constitutions of the Freemasons, now preserved in the Cathedral Library, were carefully planned. Each Mason had his mark, which he indented on his completed stone, and the plan or tracing board, committed by the Master Builder to the Overseer's care, is referred to to guide the Masons in the progress of their work. Each Mason is *known to his Overseer by his mark*, just as he was in the days when Hiram, the widow's son, wrought in the quarries of Mount Moriah. So much for the Operative side of the history of Mark Masonry. We, brethren, as Speculative Mark Masons, have an origin coeval with that of our Operative brethren. The workers in stone of the present day have lost their Speculative knowledge, which is preserved by us. The operative and speculative bodies of Masonry became divorced about the time that the spoliation of the monasteries in England, by the eighth Henry, caused the building profession to fall into comparative disrepute. The monks had been the great patrons of the Freemasons, and, their patronage removed, the occupation of the architectural fraternity was well-nigh gone. But the speculative teaching, though dormant, was not lost, and was revived, as we believe, by our brethren at the commencement of the 18th century, who found it amongst the treasures which they banded themselves together piously to preserve, and which has come to us from them through various channels—to be at length condensed and perfected in the Ritual which we now practise under the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Like many other degrees—even like Craft Masonry itself, it is very uncertain which is the old form of Ritual in early use. The fact is that Mark Rituals may be numbered by the dozen, and after a perusal of many of them, I can affirm that it is impossible to decide upon their respective ages. One thing, however, is certain, and that is, that the present ritual embodies every point of any real value in all of the older rituals. Minutes of old Mark meetings are very rare in Great Britain, the only country where they exist. In Scotland, the old minute books of the 17th century all contain marks selected by the candidates, but have no records of any special *Mark working*. The earliest known minute in London is in the minute books of the St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 142, and is dated August 1777. In the North of England, the earliest yet discovered is in the books of the Friendship Lodge, No. 277, at Oldham, and bears date October 1795. The earlier history of Speculative Mark working, has now, however, been taken up by several Mark Masons of ability and experience in Masonic research, and I doubt not that we shall hear of further discoveries being made as the interest of more brethren becomes enlisted in the service. At the present moment the Grand Mark Lodge of England occupies a splendid position, and any Mason may be proud to be enrolled under its banners. It enjoys the fraternal recognition of every orthodox body working the Mark degree in the world, and it has had a succession of Grand Masters second in position, as well as in Masonic knowledge, to none in the world. It has, under its banners, no less than 280 Lodges, and in the practice of benevolence, it has set a proud example. There is no land in which Masonry has found a root in which the degree of Mark Master Mason is not practised, and, when worked in an impressive manner, I know of no degree more calculated to enlist the interest of a candidate. No teachings could be purer, none more cosmopolitan, and I am rejoiced to think that so valuable a school for the theoretical study and practical working of the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity should have found a root in our fertile Masonic field of Malta and Tunis. Brethren, I cannot do better than conclude in the words of an old Mark ritual once used in England—"While virtue is your ruling principle, hope will always find a residence in your bosom. Under the frowns of fortune keep this consolation in your mind, that he who has a due faith in the dispensations of his beneficent Creator and a becoming charity for his fellow-creatures will be sure of receiving that just reward which is the consequent attendant on good and virtuous actions." The P.G.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, according to immemorial usage, and finally dedicated the Lodge. The musical portion of the ritual was very efficiently performed under the direction of Brother Major Ewing. The W.M. and Officers of the new Lodge being invested with their respective collars of office, Worshipful Bro. Read expressed his heartfelt thanks for the honour done to the Lodge and himself, and assured the P.G.M. that no pains would be spared to make the new Lodge a signal success. The report of the Board of General Purposes was next read. It appeared from it that one new Mark Lodge, No. 263, and two new Ark Lodges,—(the Hospitaliers, attached to Lodge No. 107, and the Noah, attached to Lodge No. 265) had been added to the Province during the half-year, and that, notwithstanding the summer season had intervened, the number of active Mark Masters in the Province had increased from 131 to 176, and of Ark Mariners from 45 to 87. The Board recommended a considerable increase in the fees of honour payable on appointment to Provincial rank. The members of the Board highly commended the energy and ability of the P.G.M., under whose rule the Province had so greatly prospered, and invited the members of Grand Lodge to present him with an address on the occasion of the first anniversary of his installation. The report was unanimously adopted, and the P.G. Sec. then presented the following address to the P.G.M., which was ordered to be engrossed on vellum. To R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M.M. of the Province of Tunis and Malta. We, the Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Mark degree in this Province, and in Grand Lodge assembled, feel that we cannot allow this auspicious occasion, viz., the completion of your first year of office, to pass without expressing to you that we consider the unexampled prosperity of this Province is due to your untiring energy and devotion to Mark Masonry. We trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will grant you health, happiness, and long life, so that you may be spared long to rule over us. With feelings of loyalty, zeal, and affection we affix our signatures on behalf of the brethren of the Mark degree in your Province (Signed) R. V. Westrup D.P.G.M., W. Read G.S.W., J. Walker jun. G.J.W., C. E. Coffey G. Sec. The P.G.M. replied in feeling terms, and expressed his earnest desire to do his duty both to the Province and to the Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Grand Secretary read congratulatory telegrams from the W.M.'s of Lodges Nos. 222 and 254 at Tunis, which were ordered

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to be inserted in the minutes. The P.G.M. then proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded by P.G. Lodge to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, to whose eloquent address they had listened with such marked attention that evening, and who had rendered on many occasions signal service to the degree in general and to the Province in particular. This proposition was seconded and carried unanimously. It was also ordered that an engrossed copy of the vote should be offered for Brother Whytehead's acceptance. Brother Starkey D.G. Sec. Craft then rose and offered to the P.G.M. and brethren the hearty good wishes and fraternal remembrances of R.W. Bro. W. Kingston D.G.M., who was himself a P.M. of Lodge No. 107, and after whom Lodge No. 222 had been named. During his absence in England Bro. Kingston had superintended the publication of Bro. Broadley's "History of Masonry in Malta," and he had that very day received the official circular which Bro. Kingston had addressed to every Mason in the district on the subject. He hoped the members of Mark G. Lodge would support the work, which would shortly appear, and in so doing they would, at the same time, show their appreciation of the labours of the P.G.M.M., and help the D.G. Fund of Benevolence. Bro. Starkey's remarks were received with great pleasure by the members of Grand Lodge. The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as Grand Officers of the Province for the ensuing year, viz., W. Bros. Watson S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., and Surgeon-Major Mackinnon M.O., Bros. Lt.-Col. Carey, R.A., S.O., T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt J.O., Rev. F. D. Backhouse and J. K. Lethbridge Chaplains, Glenday Registrar, Segond (elected) Treas., Surgeon-Major Walker Sec., Tagliaferro S.D., Captain Hodgson J.D., Captain Sir F. Blackwood Bart. I. of W., Captain R. A. Johnstone D. of C., Andry Assist. Sec., S. Yeoman A.D. of C., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., Captain Ford Sword Bearer, Captain J. E. Mortimer Standard Bearer, Dr. H. Grier I.G., and Beck Tyler. G. Stewards—Bros. Borg 107, Barsotti 222, Dr. Donovan 248, and May 263. The Past Grand Officers having been saluted, the P.G.M. said he had decided to appoint W. Bro. Lieut. Charles Edward Coffey, R.A., P.Prov. G. Sec. to the arduous post of D.P.G.M.M., but before doing so he proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to his present Deputy, Bro. Westrup, who had taken a very important part in the formation of the Province, and had afterwards efficiently performed the duties appertaining to his office. This proposition was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Coffey, after being duly obligated, was invested with the insignia of Deputy P.G.M., and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received his nomination. The P.G.M. announced his intention of serving as a Steward at the next Grand Mark Festival, and hoped he should be largely supported by P.G. Lodge and the private Lodges of the Province. The G.D. of Ceremonies then collected the alms, which amounted to £3 1s. The Grand Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the whole of the Mark Masters present adjourned to a banquet given by the three Lodges 107, 248, and 263. The usual toasts were given and responded to. W. Bro. Westrup responded for the P.P.G. Officers, W. Bro. Watson for their newly appointed successors, W. Bro. Read W.M. 263 for the W.M.'s of the district, and W. Bro. P.M. Doherty for the Visitors. Bro. Walker proposed the toast of Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a determination was expressed to co-operate in obtaining a satisfactory result for the P.G.M.'s list. During the banquet Bro. Major Ewing presided at the piano. After the first toast the National Anthem was sung, and several excellent songs were afterwards sung by Bros. Bannister, McLaughlin, and Grier. Bro. Watson delivered, in an impressive manner, Bro. Walter Spencer's "Ode to Masonry;" and Bro. Mackinnon's imitations of celebrated Shaksperian actors will not be easily forgotten. About midnight the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne." On this occasion the Masonic Hall was decorated throughout with flags and banners, the Lodge room being draped and carpeted. The Masonic regalia purchased for the Province was used for the first time. The arrangements for the comfort of the Visitors, and the elaborate programme of the consecration, &c., were much commended, and the second annual Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge was admitted on all hands to have been the largest, and one of the most successful meetings ever held in the island.

Provincial Grand Cryptic Council for Tunis and Malta.—A meeting of the "Melita" Council, No. 10, was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 13th October. Present—Ill. Comps. Lieut. Coffey, R.A., T.I.M., Major A. Ewing D.M., Dr. Mackinnon P.C. of W., and Comps. the Rev. F. D. Backhouse Chaplain, J. W. Starkey Recorder, A. B. Tagliaferro Treasurer, Dr. Grier C. of G., Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., as C. of C., Captain Finch-Noyes Marshal, Captain Ford, R.A., as Steward, and R. Beck Sentinel. R.P. Comp. A. M. Broadley P.G.M., Comps. Watson, Segond and Capt. W. M. Bridger, a Visitor from the Raymond Portal Council, No. 9, at Tunis. The Council being duly opened, the minutes of the meeting of the 17th August were confirmed, and a ballot successfully taken in favour of Comps. Surgeon-Major John Walker J.W. 349, J. May J.D. 407, and A. B. Truefitt Secretary 515, who were duly admitted to the four degrees. The Provincial Grand Council was then opened, and after the confirmation of previous minutes, the P.G.M. gave a short lecture on the historical interest of the degrees, and their relation to the R.A. The Provincial and Subordinate Councils were then closed in ancient form.

Keystone Lodge, No. 107, at Malta.—An emergency meeting of the senior Lodge of the Province was held on 12th of October. Wor. Bros. Watson W.M.M., Read as S.W., R.W. Bro. Broadley as J.W., with a fair attendance of Officers and brethren. A ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Jones, of Lodge 515, who was afterwards advanced to the Mark degree. The Hospitallers Lodge of Mark Mariners was then opened, with Comps. Watson W.C.N., A. M. Broadley P.G.C. as S., and A. B. Truefitt J. Bros. Pearce, Philips, and Jones were then elected, and elevated as Ark Mariners, the ceremony being worked at full length. A vote of thanks was passed to the P.G.M. for the assistance he had rendered in the working, and the Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

JAMAICA.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masters.—The half-yearly communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was to have been held on 7th October, the R.W. J. W. Whitebourne, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to preside.

The quarterly meeting of the Phœnix Mark Lodge for the election of Master was to have been held on 14th September, but postponement for a few weeks was necessitated.

The Phœnix Royal Ark Mariners Lodge will shortly assemble.

Royal Keystone.—The quarterly meeting of the Royal Keystone was held at Friendly Hall, on 20th September, presided over by Bros. G. J. Sargeant Master, E. X. Leon S.W., G. A. Campbell J.W., and other Officers. There was a goodly number of members and Visitors of sister Lodges present, it being the night of election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, when Bro. E. X. Leon, Senior Warden and Provincial Grand Secretary, was unanimously elected Master, Bro. M. C. Hendrichs Treasurer, and Bro. John Hoyes Tyler. Two candidates were advanced. Bro. E. X. Leon, Master elect, is the founder of this Lodge. At its formation he took office as Junior Warden. Wor. R. Langley and G. J. Sargeant have occupied the chair for two years, and have worked the Lodge admirably; and as Bro. Leon has had such a strong claim, the members have elected him as their Master; for this a dispensation had to be granted, as he has not had the privilege of being a Master of a Lodge. Under our late and lamented Prov. Grand Master, Hon. Dr. Hamilton, this brother was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, and still retains that position. For two years in that capacity he has rendered considerable service to the Province. He is the son of the late Wm. Leon, an old Past Master of the Royal Lodge.

Glenlyon Chapter (Scotch Constitution).—The quarterly Convocation was held at Sussex Hall, on 23rd September, when, according to bye-laws, the following Officers were elected:—Comps. K. J. Spicer Z., J. Pollack H., N. D. Smedmore J., E. H. Melville S.E., John Hayes S.N., E. B. Wolfe Treasurer, A. H. Jones P.S., A. Da Costa Janitor. The installation will shortly take place.

The brethren of the Order in this island expected by this that the appointments of District Grand Master, Grand Principal Z., and Prov. Grand Master of Masons, would have been made. The claims of our late Past Deputy Grand Master and Deputy Prov. G. Master of Mark Masons, J. W. Whitebourne, and our present Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal H., Altamont De Cordova, are too strong to be overlooked. Both brethren have rendered noble services to the Craft in this island, and it will be hailed with pleasure if one of them be appointed.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd September, at Du Toits Pan Diamond Fields, South Africa. Present—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., A. Yockmonitz Treas., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., W. Avis Alm., E. Garisch M.C., N. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, H. W. Campbell acting I.G.; P.M. Bro. Henry Hartog; R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, A. F. Ortepp, J. Sonnenburg, J. Crowell, C. J. Barnes, N. J. Kranss. Visitors—Bros. D. G. A. Dowling, D. N. Defries, S. T. Solomon Cosmopolitan Lodge, L. M. A. Ettling Rising Star Lodge, Elias Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton, J. M. Wallack Star of the East, Queen's Town, Henry J. W. Raphael Loyal Greymouth Lodge, New Zealand. Lodge opened in 1st degree. The W.M. informed the brethren that the emergency meeting had been convened for the purpose of initiating Messrs. Morrico A. Aria and Cecil Bayley, at the same time apologising for the unavoidable absence of Bro. Preparator. The candidates were then introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries of our Order. The candidates seemed very much impressed with the ceremony throughout, and thanked the W.M. for the honour conferred upon them. Before closing, the W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, to which Bro. S. T. Solomon, Cosmopolitan Lodge, replied in very suitable terms, assuring the W.M. that he always should feel a great pleasure in visiting the Lodge Peace and Harmony and its workings. The W.M. then thanked Bros. Elias Harris and D. Defries for their kind services at the harmonium, to which Bro. Harris suitably replied. After Bro. Almoner had made a collection for our poor brethren, the Lodge closed in ancient form, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, took place on Thursday, 28th inst., in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer, Vice President and Trustee, presided, and the other brethren in attendance were:—Bros. James Peters, William Stephens, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, C. G. Brown, James F. Corben, C. H. Webb, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, Richard Boncey, J. A. Rucker, Alfred C. Bell, Walter Hopekirk jun., and F. R. W. Hedges. After confirming the minutes of last meeting, the brethren adopted a recommendation of the House Committee to grant £10 to a late pupil of the Institution, and the petitions of three candidates for election were read and examined. All the candidates were placed on the list for 1st April 1881 election. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts, and the Committee shortly afterwards adjourned.

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to propose this toast. They must accept from him, in the possible words, his thanks for helping him to carry on the of the Lodge. Since he had filled the chair their working to the satisfaction, not only of himself, but of all the members tors. That they would continue to do so it would be only imentary of him to doubt. Bro. Croaker S.W. suitably acged the toast. Several other complimentary speeches followed, proceedings were enlivened with some more than ordinarily al and instrumental music, Bro. Barnett P.M. of the Lodge his able services at the disposal of the party as accompanyist anoforte.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

ETING of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, h inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, when Bro. W. H. W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. F. J. Sawyer Harris J.W., E. Cocks S.D., W. F. Masters J.D., H. E. Frances D. Surrey Secretary, W. McKay I.G.; Past Masters J. M. James Pain, W. T. Brighten, John Coe, and N. J. F. Basnett; nes E. Norman, James Salmon, Charles Elliott, Herbert Moss, R. Templeman, and several other brethren and visitors. he evening Mr. William Milo Woodhams was initiated into eries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being per- y Bro. Boswell in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest s from all present. Bro. Brighten P.M. called the attention dge to the fact that some time ago the brethren of this and odge, to which their excellent Secretary Bro. H. E. Frances had resolved to mark their appreciation of the valuable services ndered to both by making him a presentation. The Paxton ke their own, being not overburdened with this world's goods, olved that the testimonial might assume a more substantial he two combined. Bros. Klenck and Sawyer worked in the th laudable zeal, and the result was that some £30 was The article upon which Bro. Frances set his heart was which was accordingly purchased and presented to him; the balance that remained it was agreed that a scroll prepared, to accompany the gift, as a record of the esteem heir worthy Secretary was held, and of their gratitude to rvices rendered. As a matter of fact, the balance left after e watch and chain amounted to about £10, and, as Bro. as himself a scroll writer, it was agreed that he should re- money to pay for his labour and time in preparing the tead of entrusting the work to other hands. Now, the Lodge was in a fairly flourishing condition—not too rich, ntly so to add two guineas to the amount collected—and Bro. Frances's services were such as to entitle him to some nition out of the Lodge funds. It would only be a graceful and way of acknowledging the assistance their Secretary had the Lodge, and he therefore moved—That two guineas be of the Lodge funds towards the presentation. Bro. F. J. conded the motion, which was carried amidst acclamation. dding a few happily-chosen sentences, cordially endorsed all righten had said, and believed all the brethren shared fully ments which had been expressed. Lodge was then closed, and n supped together under the presidency of the W.M., who ustomary Loyal and Masonic toasts in appropriate terms. en P.M. in proposing the health of the W.M., said he hoped praises of a really good Master as often as he had the . The Master of this Lodge was one who most certainly ont his duties efficiently in all the offices he had filled. ained the highest reward the brethren could possibly give ly, a seat in the chair. That was the height of his ambi- w he was there he certainly discharged the duties credit- self and honourably to the Lodge. Might he, during the f his year of office, and through the rest of his life y all hoped might be prolonged to a glorious old age—

and emulate him when he cordially received, tendere which they greeted the toa he was thankful for the g its members since its f young Lodge, the Stockwe initiates, with regard to them, and with regard to dating more recently than great thing with regard t ciples they held in respect had done their duty as a y tion in the Craft. He wa brethren whose friendship Stockwell Lodge. Bros. B sponded in appropriate te proposed in felicitous terms to the testimonial which the their esteem, and gratitude f consisted of a handsome g inscription on vellum—this design—was much admired a few earnest words, thank The toast of the Visitors man, Smith, and Eyling, wh in being present on such ciation of Bro. Frances' serv followed, and, amidst some was passed.

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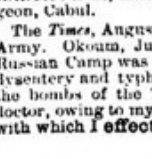
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463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
803—St. Andrew, Swan Hotel, Biggleswade, Beds
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7:30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington.
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle.
1482—Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Epworth, Linc.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington.
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7:30 (Instruction)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Inscicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1074—Underley, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1537—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1614—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5:30
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE first meeting of this respected old Lodge after the recess took place on Monday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. D. Bayley. Amongst those also present were: Bros. Fred. Croaker S.W., T. Bush J.W., Alfred Staley S.D., S. Barnett I.G., John Constable P.M. Treasurer, Philip Levy P.M. Sec., S. Boas jun. D.C., J. Henry Peartree S.; P.M.'s Nathan Defriez, G. S. Pare, J. D. Barnett, S. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Glackstein, and J. H. Ross; Bros. W. J. Upson, A. J. Myers, James Martin, Lionel Cohen, N. J. Lyon, Abraham Salomans, H. M. Darl, Alfred H. Cohen, B. S. Woolf, J. M. Levy, G. Barnett, A. G. Posener, C. Muhsam, J. C. Myers, M. Boas, S. Valentine, H. Honeychurch, M. Vogl, T. E. Smith, and P. Tobias. Visitors: Bros. Joseph W. Hobbs P.M. 749, H. Higgins P.M. 421, M. Coleman, John Rexworthy 205, J. H. Aarons 1668, &c. Lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. James Martin was passed, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. The Secretary read a letter announcing the death of Bro. Bilby, formerly Organist of the Lodge, which event occurred in May last, just after breaking up for the summer vacation. The Secretary said he acknowledged the letter at the time, expressing on behalf of the brethren sympathy with the family of deceased, and also the loss which the Lodge had sustained. The W.M. feelingly alluded to the services rendered by the deceased brother, and in the name of the brethren thanked the Secretary for promptly answering the letter conveying the intelligence, which they all regretted. A petition was submitted for presentation to the Board of General Purposes, on behalf of a distressed member of the Lodge, and this was signed by the Worshipful Master and Officers, who promised to support the recommendation at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren dined together in the Coffee Room of the Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast, the Worshipful Master informed the junior brethren and the Visitors that on certain occasions it had been his custom to dispense with the usual practice of giving the three Loyal and Craft toasts separately, and he might mention that he had authority from Grand Lodge for proposing them in the form he should put before the company this evening. They would therefore consider these three toasts all rolled into one. He knew they had loyal feelings towards both the Crown and the Craft; therefore, without further preface, he would propose Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of our Order. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, said it was customary in most Lodges to say it was usual to extend a hearty welcome to all who came amongst them; and it would be very strange to him if they did not. Those who honoured the Tranquillity Lodge once, they were glad to see again. He hoped, therefore, they would take a short expression of gratitude for their company this evening instead of a long speech as to what this Lodge would, or could, do in respect of the Visitors. He assured them how pleased they were to see so many present this evening. Bro. Joseph W. Hobbs P.M. 749 was exceedingly obliged to the W.M. for having proposed the last toast in so cordial a manner, and also thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. Their W.M. had set them an excellent example of brevity, which was "the soul of wit," and it would be unbecoming in him if he detained the harmony of the meeting by inflicting upon them a lengthy speech. Whenever he had visited this Lodge he had always met with the warmest fraternal welcome, and he could assure them it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he came amongst them. He had been exceedingly pleased with the manner in which Bro. Bayley had performed the ceremonies of the evening; he was an Officer of whom the brethren of the Lodge might justly feel proud. When he was S.W., he (the speaker) prophesied that if ever he was installed into the chair of King Solomon, he would fulfil the honourable position with credit to himself and with satisfaction—as he was sure he would do—to every member of the Lodge. Bro. H. Higgins P.M. 421 remarked that he had had the happiness of once before visiting this Lodge, when Bro. Bayley occupied the position of S.W., and on that occasion he experienced the utmost kindness from all the brethren with whom he came in contact. He felt sure that if they visited this Lodge as often as they could possibly wish, they would always be received with the same unbounded hospitality as had ever been extended towards them, and which was one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Lodge. Bro. John Rexworthy had had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on several previous occasions, and had often said, in noticing the brilliant manner in which the Past Masters performed their duties, that if ever Bro. Bayley succeeded to the highest dignity the Lodge could confer upon him, he would emulate their excellent example, and shed additional lustre upon the office to which he had been elected. This expectation had already been abundantly realised. Bro. M. Coleman also returned thanks, and said if anything exceeded the excellent working of the Lodge, it was its lavish hospitality. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said there was a great amount of modesty, because there had been considerable discussion at that end of the table as to the priority of the toasts. Some thought the W.M.'s health should have been proposed before that of the Visitors, but the Master ruled otherwise. He (the speaker) did not know what was the order of Masonic courtesy; but they had had it according to the ruling of the W.M., right or wrong. They were prepared to abide by that ruling, because they had always found him so right and just in his decisions that they were not disposed to discuss anything beyond that. They were pleased, in resuming their duties after the recess, to find the Master in such good health as he appeared to be, and they were also pleased to find that he was able to go through his duties in the Lodge with such efficiency after a vacation of so many months. If he only performed them as well during the remainder of his term—and there need be no apprehension on that score—they should all be loud in their applause. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said, although it was now the third or fourth time his health had been proposed in the Lodge, the reiteration did not dull his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. His aim had been always for the furtherance of the interests of the Lodge, and he trusted it would always continue to be so. Their recognition of his efforts affected him more than he could express, and if they could exhibit the same kindly sentiments towards him at the expiration of his term of office, he should leave the chair with the consciousness that he had done his duty. He could only say, from his heart, that he thanked them very much for this renewal of their kindly expressions towards him. The W.M. then gave the health of the P.M.'s, and said it was the gratitude he felt to them for their services that prompted him to ask the company to join with him in drinking to the toast with all the heartiness it deserved. Bro. R. Z. Bloomfield P.M. said there were many pleasant reflections that went to make up the sum of life, but one of the most agreeable was when he proposed the health of the P.M.'s, and eulogised their various efforts and the manner in which they had assisted him. So far as he was concerned, he was beginning to become the senior P.M. of this Lodge, but although he had had the honour of being for many years a Past Master, he had never had the opportunity of rendering the assistance he had acknowledged—simply

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for this fortunate reason, that they had had so many W.M.'s able to perform the duties that there had been no necessity for their aid. He said fortunately, because he presumed every brother who ascended to that position strove to emulate those who had preceded him, and if that state of things went on, there was no reason at any time to call in the assistance of the Past Masters. But if such a case ever arose, he would vouch that the P.M.'s would be unanimous in rendering whatever assistance was needed. So long as he had the pleasure of being a member, which he hoped would be to the end of his life, it would be his happiness to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. Still he hoped it would be a long day before his services would be required. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, whose virtues had so often been brought before the Lodge that it was needless to say anything further. Need he say more than that their worthy Treasurer was Bro. John Constable?—that name so well known in Freemasonry. Why, it would be like trying to gild refined gold, or to paint the lily. Then their Secretary was Brother Philip Levy, and if it were possible to paint Levy he would gladly do so. Their merits were so well known to the Lodge, and to all Masons, that it would be vain to extol them, when they were so familiar and so highly appreciated. Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer trusted he had performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge; he was looking almost into futurity when he said he hoped he should have to say the same fifty years hence. (Oh, oh!) They might say, "Oh!" but he meant to retain office that period. This was an office he did not intend to give up, because it was as pleasant to him, as it evidently had been satisfactory to the brethren. Whilst such harmony continued amongst them he did not intend to relinquish his post, and he hoped to receive at their hands the honour of re-election in each succeeding year. The W.M., in proposing the Officers, said the Lodge was in a great measure indebted to them for their uniformly good working. He might say for himself—in parentheses—that no Master was ever blessed with better Officers than he was. Therefore, he rose with pleasure to propose this toast. They must accept from him, in the shortest possible words, his thanks for helping him to carry on the business of the Lodge. Since he had filled the chair their working had been to the satisfaction, not only of himself, but of all the members and Visitors. That they would continue to do so it would be only uncomplimentary of him to doubt. Bro. Croaker S.W. suitably acknowledged the toast. Several other complimentary speeches followed, and the proceedings were enlivened with some more than ordinarily good vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Barnett P.M. of the Lodge placing his able services at the disposal of the party as accompanyist at the pianoforte.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

A MEETING of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, when Bro. W. H. Boswell W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. F. J. Sawyer S.W., W. Harris J.W., E. Cocks S.D., W. F. Masters J.D., H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey Secretary, W. McKay I.G.; Past Masters J. M. Klenck, James Pain, W. T. Brighten, John Coe, and N. J. F. Basnett; Bros. James E. Norman, James Salmon, Charles Elliott, Herbert Moss, Robert R. Templeman, and several other brethren and visitors. During the evening Mr. William Milo Woodhams was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Boswell in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest eulogiums from all present. Bro. Brighten P.M. called the attention of the Lodge to the fact that some time ago the brethren of this and another Lodge, to which their excellent Secretary Bro. H. E. Frances belonged, had resolved to mark their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to both by making him a presentation. The Paxton Lodge, like their own, being not overburdened with this world's goods, it was resolved that the testimonial might assume a more substantial form if the two combined. Bros. Klenck and Sawyer worked in the matter with laudable zeal, and the result was that some £30 was collected. The article upon which Bro. Frances set his heart was a watch, which was accordingly purchased and presented to him; and with the balance that remained it was agreed that a scroll should be prepared, to accompany the gift, as a record of the esteem in which their worthy Secretary was held, and of their gratitude to him for services rendered. As a matter of fact, the balance left after purchasing the watch and chain amounted to about £10, and, as Bro. Frances was himself a scroll writer, it was agreed that he should receive this money to pay for his labour and time in preparing the scroll, instead of entrusting the work to other hands. Now, the Stockwell Lodge was in a fairly flourishing condition—not too rich, but sufficiently so to add two guineas to the amount collected—and he thought Bro. Frances's services were such as to entitle him to some such recognition out of the Lodge funds. It would only be a graceful and courteous way of acknowledging the assistance their Secretary had rendered to the Lodge, and he therefore moved—That two guineas be voted out of the Lodge funds towards the presentation. Bro. F. J. Sawyer seconded the motion, which was carried amidst acclamation. The W.M., adding a few happily-chosen sentences, cordially endorsed all that Bro. Brighten had said, and believed all the brethren shared fully in the sentiments which had been expressed. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren supped together under the presidency of the W.M., who gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts in appropriate terms. Bro. Brighten P.M. in proposing the health of the W.M., said he hoped to sing the praises of a really good Master as often as he had the opportunity. The Master of this Lodge was one who most certainly had carried out his duties efficiently in all the offices he had filled. He had attained the highest reward the brethren could possibly give him—namely, a seat in the chair. That was the height of his ambition, and now he was there he certainly discharged the duties creditably to himself and honourably to the Lodge. Might he, during the remainder of his year of office, and through the rest of his life—which they all hoped might be prolonged to a glorious old age—enjoy good health and all prosperity. The W.M., after thanking the company for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, said when he entered into Masonry—not a very long time ago—at all events, as soon as he saw a prospect of at some time filling the chair, he discovered that two things were essential in a Master of a Lodge, viz., that he should well perform the duties of his office, and that he should be a good chairman at the festive board. He knew his capacities did not lie in the latter direction, and therefore felt it to be more incumbent upon him to study the former. He knew he could not sing a song, make a speech, or utter a recitation, but he also knew that if he endeavoured to make himself efficient as Master of the Lodge the brethren would overlook any shortcomings of which he might be guilty in the fourth degree. He then gave the health of the Initiate, saying he knew the brethren would not influence those to join who were not worthy of the esteem of the Lodge, and he felt sure the brother who had been admitted amongst them that night would prove an ornament to it. Bro. Brighten P.M. having sang the E.A. Song, Bro. William Milo Woodhams briefly acknowledged the toast, and expressed his thanks for the cordiality and kindness with which he had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, speaking of the valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge, of which they were the brilliant ornaments. They had heard that in some Lodges—though he was happy to say not in the Stockwell—brethren seldom attended after they had passed the chair. He was thankful to say that was not the case here, for he was well supported by P.M.'s on the present, as on other occasions. Bro. Brighten was a valuable jewel, and all knew and appreciated the valuable services rendered by Bro. Klenck. It was always a pleasure to refer to Pain, because it was on the day of Bro. Pain's installation that he (the W.M.) was made a Master Mason. A remarkable display of fireworks they had. As for Bro. Basnett, they all knew that he was the life and soul of the Lodge, and they never had a better worker in the Stockwell Lodge than Bro. Coe. It was that brother's example which inspired him (the speaker) to try and emulate him when he got into the chair. Bro. Klenck, who was cordially received, tendered his sincere thanks for the manner in which they greeted the toast. As one of the founders of the Lodge, he was thankful for the good feeling which had subsisted amongst its members since its foundation. Although comparatively a young Lodge, the Stockwell had done its duty with regard to its initiates, with regard to the members who were associated with them, and with regard to the Charities. He trusted every Lodge, dating more recently than this, would ever bear in mind that the great thing with regard to Masonry in general, and the true principles they held in respect of it, were the Masonic Charities. They had done their duty as a young Lodge, and they filled a proud position in the Craft. He was very pleased to associate with so many brethren whose friendship he might not have known but for the Stockwell Lodge. Bros. Brighten, Pain, Barnett, and Coe also responded in appropriate terms. The health of the Secretary was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., who took occasion to refer to the testimonial which the Lodge had presented to him, in token of their esteem, and gratitude for his services. The presentation, which consisted of a handsome gold watch and chain, &c., with a framed inscription on vellum—this last being most elaborate and artistic in design—was much admired by the brethren. Bro. Frances then, in a few earnest words, thanked the brethren for their valuable gifts. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bros. Dowding, Plowman, Smith, and Eyling, who each testified to the pleasure they felt in being present on such an occasion, and expressed their appreciation of Bro. Frances' services to Freemasonry. Several other toasts followed, and, amidst some excellent singing a pleasant evening was passed.

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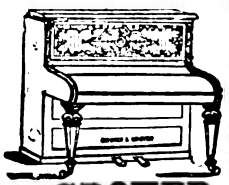
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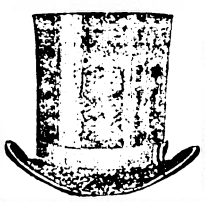
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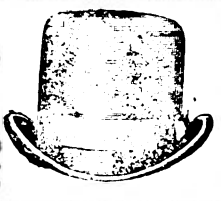
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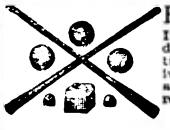
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TRADING ON MASONRY.

IN the past or in the present—and we imagine the same will hold good of the future—it would be a difficult task to find any pretext which has been more frequently used by adventurers or speculators as the cloak under which they sought to hide their true intentions, than that which ascribed their efforts to advance their own particular ideas to a desire to benefit their fellow creatures, and under no other guise have such frauds been oftener attempted, both on the mercantile world and the general public, than under that of benevolence. We may indeed look upon it as the flag under which the blackest of social pirates have elected to sail, and if they have been so unfortunate as to incur detection, it has been not from any want of regard on their part either for their victims or the sacred cause they have for the time professed to advance, but rather because some really benevolent person has stepped forward and fearlessly denounced them in their true light. As Englishmen we delight in maintaining the reputation our race has acquired of being the most benevolent of all people, and it naturally follows that we are more often imposed upon in this particular than our neighbours, who do not take the same interest in the promotion of associations for the relief of misery as we do. We have Charities for almost every conceivable ill that human flesh is heir to, and not content with these, we have so-called benevolent organisations to watch over the doings of these associations —of course with the spirit of Charity always uppermost— and see they do not depart from their lawful course. We are not among the number who consider that the Charities of Great Britain do no good, but we must admit that in many instances we look upon the officials who conduct them as being benefited to a far greater degree than the beneficiaries themselves. Still when we hear of individual firms or persons combining with their legitimate business that of public benefactors, and announcing the fact far and wide, with the view of obtaining new customers, our faith in their purity of purpose is rudely shaken, and we cannot help feeling that an attenpt is being made to humbug us. Accordingly, we look round in the hope of discovering something which will justify us in forming a more charitable conclusion. The satire of the man who gave a guinea towards a fund being raised for the relief of the sufferers by a heavy calamity—one shilling towards relieving their distress, and the sovereign to get it to them—was, no doubt, severe, but not too much so if applied to men who endeavour, under the guise of charity, to foist on the public inferior articles at a very greatly advanced price. We doubt if there are many so stupid as to be taken in by such a pretext, but, on the other hand, it is so frequently urged, that we imagine it must be attended by some amount of profit. Freemasonry in this respect has not escaped any more than have other institutions, and it is no very difficult task to point out the numerous ways in which the benevolent spirit which the should actuate all brethren of the mystic tie is taken advantage of to advance trade interests, and, not unfrequently, unworthy motives. We have, on previous occasions, urged the desirability of treating business and Freemasonry as two widely distinct objects, and can express no sympathy for the man who finds himself imposed upon after having relaxed his ordinary business caution simply because the trader with whom he was dealing took delight in blazoning forth to the public his connection with an Order which has gained the esteem of the world, on the basis of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. No man should think of giving preference to a Brother Mason if, by so doing, he acts prejudicially to himself or connections, and therefore no man should expect to receive from a brother Mason any undue preference in business matters. Fair trading can only be carried on with certain surroundings, and it is holding forth a premium to imposition to imagine that, simply because a seller happens to be a Mason, he can offer any material advantage to a Masonic purchaser. The markets of the world are open, and it matters very little, in the first instance, whether a buyer is a Freemason or not. How, then, can any great benefit accrue to a later buyer without detriment to some one? and, more often than not, the detriment is to the purchaser himself. If Masons are ever justified in giving a preference to their brethren, it should only be given with a due regard to the true spirit of business—always to deal at the best market. As we have stated on a previous occasion, were this principle more fully carried out, it would prevent half the unworthy members who find their way into our Order ever reaping advantage from that fact, and we doubt not we should be spared some of the greatest insults offered to the Craft, while its hitherto glorious reputation would not incur the risk of being tarnished by unscrupulous speculators.

During the past month a circular, which calls for the strongest condemnation on our part, has been freely distributed. We greatly regret that no law exists which can be brought to bear upon persons who offend against the spirit of the Craft in the way that has been done here. For obvious reasons we must decline to mention names—it would be unfair to give gratuitous advertisement even to the member of a firm who, "charmed with the grandeur of our Masonic Charities, desires to render them his best help,"—but we hope that any brother who has received a copy of the circular we refer to will treat it and its authors with the contempt they so justly deserve. The first thing that struck us on opening what we afterwards found to be a trade catch, was the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, prominently displayed in the left hand corner; in due form appears underneath the well-known motto—Audi, Vide, Tace—and never did we so much wish that it could be practised as in the case in point. Truly here, Silence, or a non-compliance with the writer's request, is the best course to pursue. We are surprised that the originators of an advertising puff should thus impress upon the public the virtue of silence, unless it is that the goods they offer, or their system of business, are so extremely bad that they desire profound secrecy on the part of all who patronise them. We always imagined it was the desire of an advertiser to have his business spoken of as much as possible; but perhaps in introducing Freemasonry into a business circular it has been thought that a little mystery was needed. To proceed, the writer of the circular, who is himself a brother, and we presume agent in this country for the wine advertised, has great pleasure in laying before the Craft a proposition made by his good friend the gentleman we have already referred to, as being charmed with the grandeur of the Masonic Charities, and which is to the following effect:—He offers to use on his bottles, as a special mark, the arms of the Grand Lodge of England—in our opinion, a most unwarrantable act of impertinence and one that should at least call forth a reproof from the authorities whose arms are thus brought to serve a purpose which the owner of the most paltry trade-mark could resent with legal proceedings. Thus identified as Masonic, he offers his champagne to the public at the

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modest price of 65s per dozen. Then the principle of benevolence is imported into the transaction, and for the before-mentioned object this magnanimous foreigner offers to hand to the Masonic Charities a royalty of three shillings per dozen; which he secures to the purchaser by a coupon delivered with every case, which coupon is to be sent to the Secretary of whichever Charity the purchaser elects, duly endorsed; when, on presentation at the London office of this appreciative stranger, it will be paid. We have not had the pleasure of an interview with either of the Secretaries since the promulgation of this system of raising the funds for our Charities, but doubtless they must look upon their doom as sealed; the day cannot be far distant when their services will be unnecessary, for their work will in future be performed by the clerks of this personification of all that is charitable and benevolent. We will not ask our readers to buy a dozen-case, and test for themselves, as by so doing we should be guilty of as great impropriety as the persons we are now condemning, but if they will accept the dictum of some of the best judges of the wine trade—given after a trial of the wine, without a knowledge of the object for which the verdict was asked, or without knowing whose it was—we can assure them that the price at which it is offered to our Masonic brethren is about twice its real value; so that it will be seen that the best assistance the trader who was "so charmed with the grandeur of the Masonic Charities, and now desires to render them his help," can give is, to allow three shillings out of the extra profit of thirty shillings he hopes to make by foisting on the customers he hopes to attract an inferior article under the sacred influence of Freemasonry.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

IN the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of last week, "PHILADELPHOS" recapitulates with much force the arguments which tend to show that Freemasonry on the North American Continent first blossomed forth at Philadelphia. Excluding, however, from present consideration the full bearing of these arguments, my response to the appeal of your correspondent will be strictly limited to the following inquiry, viz., What American Lodge first secured a place on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England?

Shortly stated, Philadelphia affirms and Boston denies, that, during the 1729-39 numeration, a Lodge at the Hoop, Philadelphia, appeared at the No. 79. As neither the affirmation or the negative of this proposition are capable of proof, we have here all the elements of a very interesting *puzzle*.

The engraved lists for 1731-33 are missing, and in one of these, it is contended, that the No. 79 was filled by an American Lodge.

Not to linger unduly on the threshold of this inquiry, let me briefly state, that I *think* we have evidence from which it may be inferred that No. 79 was filled by a London Lodge in 1731-32, and became vacant in 1733. This conclusion is based on the list for 1730-32 in my "Four Old Lodges," and upon Rawlinson's list, which latter I believe to be a copy of the engraved list for 1733. The engraved list for 1734 has been reprinted by Bro. Hughan, and in it the No. 79 is also vacant.

The Dublin "Pocket Companion" of 1735, in which the place or position of No. 79 is filled by a Lodge at the Hoop, Philadelphia, has evidently, in my opinion, been copied from an early edition (now missing) of the engraved list for 1734. Except as to No. 79, it is identical with the list of Lodges in Smith's London "Pocket Companion" of 1735, and is *substantially* * the same as Bro. Hughan's reprint (1734), down to the 125th Lodge, which, on the lists, the Dublin and London "Pocket Companions," Rawlinson (1733) and Picart (1735) is the same, viz., "The Swan at Birmingham."

The 126th Lodge in the *two* Pocket Companions, is located at the "Duke of Marlborough's Head;" but the engraved list for 1734 has the following:—

126. Boston in New England.
127. Valenciennes, in French Flanders.
128. D. of Marlborough, Petticoate Lane, &c.

Now, if we assume that the compiler of the Dublin Pocket Companion copied from an *earlier* edition of the 1734 official list than that re-published by Bro. Hughan, and that he copied *correctly*, the following explanation suggests itself:—

In the original (i.e. the early 1734 list) *an* American Lodge was popped in at the vacant No. 79, it being about the position chronologically it should have occupied under Coxe's deputation, and at the locality, it may be, whence Coxe wrote, or which was known in London as the seat of Masonic headquarters in Philadelphia.

In the *next* edition of the engraved list (vide Bro. Hughan's reprint), published one, two, or more months subsequently, the Lodge, by that time discovered to have been formed under the Price deputation, was lowered to its proper position as No. 126. The Valenciennes Lodge having been reported in the interval, coming in as No. 127, and the Lodge at the Duke of Marlborough bringing up the rear as No. 128.

If of course, *no* American Lodge ever appeared under the No. 79, speculation as to its origin would be an idle task. But if it did, one of the chief arguments against the possibility of such an occurrence, viz., "the impossibility of a foreign Lodge getting *on* and *off* our roll within, at most, a year, is disposed of by the explanation I have suggested. As against the view presented, it must be remembered that the London "Pocket Companion" for 1735, although agreeing in all respects with the Dublin work of the same name and year, in regard to 125 out of 126 Lodges, has its No. 79 vacant. So remarkable a coincidence clearly indicates that the lists in the *two* works must have been copied from a common original. But how, then, can we account for No. 79 being *full* in one of the copies and *vacant* in the other. Perhaps our good Brother Hughan will answer this question. It is important to note that the date of Constitution of the Boston Lodge, No. 126, in the 1734 and later lists, is given in the 1736 engraved list as 30th July 1733. This circumstance, therefore, heightens the probability of the existence of this Lodge having become known to the English Grand Secretary before *any* list was issued for 1734.

* That is to say, a few Lodges only differ as to place of meeting, but even this slight difference goes far to prove that the similarity of the lists in the two "Pocket Companions" is only explainable by the two suppositions that they were derived from the same source.

The production of a new English opera, by an English composer, must necessarily be an event of interest to all lovers of music, and we have especially to congratulate the citizens of Manchester on the spirited management which, from time to time, during the past few years has produced the original operas of "The Sultan of Mocha," "The Tower of London," "Nell Gwynne," and "The Lancashire Witches." At the Theatre Royal, which is now under the sole direction of our good Bro. Duffield, was produced, on Monday night, the new and original comic opera, "The King's Dragoons," the music by Mr. John Crook, and the libretto by Mr. J. Wilton Jones. The music throughout is light and tuneful, and bears evidence of the labour and study which the composer has expended on the work. The plot is similar in many respects to that of the "Golden Cross," which will be in the memory of many of our readers as forming part of the repertoire of Herr Carl Rosa. "The King's Dragoons" is most admirably mounted, and we have nothing but unqualified praise for the scenery and appointments, which reflect the greatest possible credit on Bro. Duffield and his staff. Many well-known names appear in the cast. Madame Cave Ashton as the heroine, Miss Lucy Franklein, Mr. Walsham and Mr. Furneaux Cook are especially to be commended.

A complimentary benefit will be given to Bro. R. G. Thomas, at the Philharmonic Theatre, Islington, on Thursday evening, the 11th November, on which occasion a host of professional ladies and gentlemen have tendered their services; among these we may enumerate Messrs. Howard Paul, Lumsden, Sidney Franks, Herbert Campbell, Arthur Roberts, Chirgwin, &c. We trust that the many friends of Bro. Thomas, who acted for many years as manager to the Mohawk Minstrels, will support him on this occasion.

The eighth anniversary festival of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, will be held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, under the presidency of Bro. H. V. Clements W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who will be supported by Bro. Oscar S. Oxley W.M. 1237, as vice-president, and, it is expected, by a large gathering of members and visitors. We wish the brethren an enjoyable evening, although we have but little doubt that such will be the case. Dinner will be on the table at 6.30, and tickets (3s 6d each), may be had of the Hon. Sec. Bro. J. Garrod, Holly Cottage, Bruce Grove.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Communication of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Grand Hotel, at Scarbro', on 20th ult., under the banner of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200. The weather was fine, and there was a large muster of the brethren. A special train had been ordered at York for the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master, but at the last moment it was countermanded, a telegram having been received from his Lordship, in the south of England, stating the impossibity of his arrival in time for the meeting, which was therefore presided over by his Deputy, W. Bro. Dr. Bell, of Hull. The Board of Benevolence met at 12.30. and transacted its business, and at two o'clock, the brethren having assembled in the Lodge room, a procession was marshalled, and the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the apartment and took their places, and the Lodge was opened. Amongst the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present on the occasion were :—Bros. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Grand Chaplain of England; Sir Charles Legard, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, P.G.J.W.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; R. W. Hollon, Prov. G. Treasurer; Sir James Meek, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Lawton P.P.G.R.; J. March, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.S.W.; I. Murray, P.G.S.D. (China); J. W. Taylor Prov. G.S.W., T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. (West Yorkshire), R. Mitford Taylor Prov. G. Chaplain, T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.D.C., G. Balmford P.P.G.O.; C. W. Cheeseman P.P.G.O., F. A. Hopwood Prov. G.S.B., John Trotter P.P.J.G.W. (Durham), J. Thompson P.P.G.S.B., J. T. Atkinson P.P.G.J.D., J. H. Handyside P.P.J.G.W., T. Sissons P.P.G. Reg., Hy. Green Prov. G.R., H. B. Anderson P.P.G.S.D., J. S. Moss P.P.G.S.B., T. S. Camidge P.P.G.O., F. Foster Prov. D.G.C., G. Ayre Prov. J.G.D., A. Farmer P.P.G.D.C., T. C. Davidson P.P.G.D.C.,W. H. Delamere P.P.J.G.D., Rev. L. W. Heath P.P.G.C., A. Fraser P.P.G.S.B., H. O. Piercy P.P.G.W., W. Tesseyman P.P.G.S. Wks., W. H. Rose Prov. J.G.W., R. J. Field Prov. G.S.B., T. Marshall P.P.G.D.C., T. Tompson P.P.S.G.D., W. G. Long P.P.G.S.B., A. J. Taylor P.P.G.D.C., Rev. H. Blane P.P.G.C., J. Todd P.P.G. Reg., R. G. Smith P.P.G.D.C., J. Teale P.P.G.D., and many W.M.'s, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of Lodges. The Grand Officers and visitors having been saluted, the business of the meeting was pursued, and the By-laws of the newly-formed Charity Association of the Province were brought up and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement was read and adopted. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, a sum of 25 guineas was voted to the fund being raised for a testimonial to Bro. M. C. Peck, Prov. Grand Secretary, and it was arranged that the presentation should be made to that brother at York early next year. The Officers were then appointed, as follow :—Bros. Ivor Murray S.G.W, J. S. Cumberland J.G.W., Revs. E. L. Tew and H. Greeves G. Chaplains, G. Bohn G. Reg., M. C. Peck G. Sec., H. Toozes G.S.D., A. Buckle G.J.D., C. Palliser G.S. Wks., R. Huntly G.D.C., J. Hogg Asst. G.D.C., R. Boggett G.S.B., C. G. Padel G.O., J. Coulson G.P., W. Dunn Asst. G.P., F. J. Lambert G. Tyler, J. Lowe Asst. G. Tyler. W. Bro. R. W. Hollon was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Lodge was closed. Subsequently a banquet was held, at which the D.P.G.M. presided, and of which about 100 brethren partook. The toasts were interspersed with selections of music performed in an excellent manner by the Scarbro' Masonic band.

STAFFORDSHIRE GRAND LODGE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday, 28th ult., when there was a large assembly of brethren. The Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 267 was opened at twelve o'clock, after which the Wor. D.P.G.M. Bro. Major Tudor acting as P.G.M., and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge entered the Lodge, and the business of the day commenced. The following Officers of the P.G. Lodge were present :—Chas. Fendelow 526 S.W., Thomas Turner 460 Registrar, E. C. Perry P.G.C. 726, J. Bodenham 726 Treasurer, W. Cartwright 460 Secretary, S. Briggs 624 S.D., B. C. Cale J.D., T. J. Barnett 526 Superintendent of Works, T. Unwin 637 Pursuivant, J. B. Ward Standard Bearer, T. Wood W.M. 726, T. E. Fowke I.P.M. 726, C. H. Dudley 726, Edward J. Mousley I.G. 726, J. B. M'Callum 726 and W. G. Bagnall 726 Stewards. Bro. Cartwright having read the minutes of the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge, the following brethren received appointments for the ensuing year :—W. Bayliss 539 Walsall S.W., M. Barker 1792 Harborne J.W., the Rev. E. C. Perry 726 Stafford and the Rev. J. Birch 98 and 451 Burslem Chaplains, R. Tooth 637 Stoke Registrar, J. Bodenham 726 Stafford Treasurer, W. Cartwright 460 Newcastle Secretary, Dr. W. E. Parkes 482 Handsworth S.D., G. Pitchford 418 Hanley J.D., K. Macrae 624 Burton Superintendent of Works, F. N. Seyde 419 Wolverhampton D.C., T. E. Fowke 726 Stafford A.D.C., E. Tildersley 419 Wolverhampton Sword Bearer, T. Bedsmore 1039 Lichfield Org., R. Toulson 1060 Purs., T. Parton 662 Standard Bearer, H. Bagguley 460 Tyler. Bro. Bodenham then submitted the statement of accounts, which he explained was for more than twelve months. The total receipts were £251 3s 6d, and the expenses £153 10s 5d, showing an excess of receipts over expenditure amounting to nearly £100, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands at the present time of £227 17s 5d. The accounts having been audited, were adopted and ordered to be printed. Bros. Tudor D.P.G.M., Foster Gough P.D.P.G.M. and Frank James P.D.P.G.M., were appointed Trustees of the invested funds of the P.G. Lodge. Bro. Tudor observed that in 1870 there were 700 subscribing members of the Masonic Lodges in Staffordshire, but at the present time there were 1048 subscribing members, and there had been an increase of four in the number of Lodges. He then alluded to the quarterly meetings instituted by the late Earl of Shrewsbury, and said when he (Bro. Tudor) was appointed to his present office he gave an intimation that he did not intend to continue those meetings. Several Lodges had asked him to renew them, and it was suggested that only members of the P.G. Lodge should attend, and that there should be no banquet. There were many who misunderstood the object of those quarterly meetings. He explained why they were instituted by the late Earl of Shrewsbury, which was to bring the brethren from different parts of the Province together, and to acquire information as to what they could do and were doing. But his (Bro. Tudor's) notion from the first was that the brethren would not travel about to different parts of the Province to attend the meetings regularly, and that the P.G.M. could accomplish his object better by visiting the Lodges at intervals. Before he died, the Earl of Shrewsbury acknowledged to him that the quarterly meetings did not carry out his views so fully as he had expected. Bro. Tudor, as Charity Steward, proceeded to thank the P.G. Lodge for the contribution of fifty guineas, which had previously been voted to the Charities, and said that the last year's contributions to the Masonic Charities from Staffordshire amounted to £600, and gave the Province 120 additional votes. He made an earnest appeal to the brethren to support the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, through whose organisation they could be almost sure to carry any candidate for admission to the Charities that they wished. At the same time, he reminded them that the number of Lodges and of new members kept continually increasing all over the country, and it was necessary to do their utmost to keep pace with the increasing voting power of other Provinces. The brethren then adjourned in order to attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, in their regalia, the procession being marshalled by Bro. T. E. Fowke. The volume of the sacred law was carried by four Lewises, sons of Bros. Fowke, Scott, Mousley, and Masters, of Lodge No. 726. The prayers and lessons were read by the Rector, and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry. His text was taken from Hebrews xiii. 1—"Let brotherly love continue." He pointed out that the Charity eulogised in the Scriptures was not limited to the giving of alms, but included everything that flowed from the love of God and the love of man—everything that contributed to the happiness of mankind. He enforced this view with much earnestness. Brotherly love would prompt a man to make some provision for those who were to come after him, and who would otherwise suffer in a temporary sense by his departure. It would induce a sense of reconciliation with mankind. Every man, and every set of men, had some duties, some good works so peculiarly belonging to their place and circumstances that all others would be useless if these were omitted. After describing what he considered the virtues which Christians in general ought to possess, he said if his brother Freemasons desired to know how they might sow in righteousness so as to reap a sure reward, he could not better direct them than to the Masonic Schools for Boys and Girls, where the bodies and souls of the poor were provided for, and where parents received both relief and comfort in the care which was taken of their children. By these Charities hundreds had already been, and many thousands were likely to be, rescued from extreme poverty and the consequences of it. Their effect would be that a great many families would in all probability (gratefully remembering the method and the way by which they were raised) hereafter contribute towards the continuance of brotherly love to future generations. Meanwhile, he explained, a good seed was being sown by supporting the Masonic Schools. At the close of the service the brethren returned to Lodge, when it was announced that the collection at the Church amounted to exactly £8. Of this sum, £3 was voted to the Rector of St. Mary's for his schools, and £5 to the Chaplain towards the funds for building a vicarage at Seighford. In the evening a banquet was held at the Assembly Room, the Wor. D.P.G.M. Bro. Tudor presiding. The caterer was Bro. J. Nutt, of the North-Western Hotel, and the dinner, both as to the quality and manner in which it was served, was in every respect satisfactory. The first toast after the repast was the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, proposed by Bro. Tudor, who said he had seen his Royal Highness occupy the chair on many occasions, and it was evident that he had the interest of Freemasonry at heart, and did everything that he could to promote it. These toasts were heartily received, as was that of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, which was also proposed by Bro. Tudor. Bro. Bodenham, in proposing the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, said while Bro. McIntyre, the Grand Registrar, who at present ruled over the Craft in Staffordshire, was a hearty, genial, and good Mason, it was to be regretted that they had not one living in the Province to take the position formerly held by the late Earl of Shrewsbury. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Baylis P.G.S.W. proposed the Wor.D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire, remarking that Bro. Tudor, on the present occasion, deserved their warmest sympathy, for he was suffering very considerably from illness, and made a great sacrifice of his personal comfort and convenience to fulfil the duties attached to his office. The toast was drunk with much warmth of feeling on the part of the brethren. Bro. Tudor, in acknowledging the toast, said he had had an opportunity of presiding more or less over the Province ten or twelve years, during a good deal of which time they had had no Grand Master, so that he had had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the working of the Lodges, and also with many of the brethren. But the duties were quite sufficient for a P.G.M. and a D.P.G.M. At the same time, he had done his best in the position which he had occupied. Unfortunately the last few years his health had not been so good as he could have wished it to be, and the Grand Master would not give him the assistance of a Deputy, and he had not been able to visit so many of the Lodges as he should like to have done. He had received the greatest possible assistance from Bros. Cartwright, Bodenham, and other Officers of the P.G. Lodge; but at the same time he felt that one occupying his position ought to personally visit the brethren in different Lodges in the Province, and unless he had assistance he was afraid he should have to ask to be relieved from his office. Bro. Thorne (Wolverhampton), in an eloquent and complimentary speech, which was well received, proposed the health of the P.G. Wardens and other Officers of P.G. Lodge Present and Past, for whom the P.G.S.W. responded. Bro. Joseph Rowlands P.P.G.J.W. gave the toast of the W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province, for whom Bros. Wood 726 and Davy

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1060 responded. The following toasts were also drunk:—The Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Barker P.G.J.W.; the Prov. Grand Stewards, proposed by Bro. Cartwright in highly complimentary terms, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. T. E. Fowke and Bagnall; the Ladies, proposed by Bro. Cartwright; and the host, proposed by Bro. Fowke, and acknowledged by Bro. Nutt. The proceedings were enlivened by the excellent singing of a glee party. Much credit is due for the complete success of the meeting to the activity of the Provincial Grand Stewards, and the admirable arrangements which they made.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town-hall, Bridgwater, on 29th ult., under the banner of the Lodge of Perpetual Friendship, No. 135, Brother R. C. Else R.W. D.P.G.M. presiding, in unavoidable absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Earl of Carnarvon, from whom a letter was read, expressing his lordship's regret; he had been advised, through ill-health, to spend the winter abroad. About 150 brethren were present, including a large muster of P.G. Lodge Officers. All the twenty-two Lodges in the district were represented. The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. F. S. P. Scale) opened the Lodge with prayer. The P.G. Treas. (Bro. E. Turner Payne) read the statement of the accounts, and stated that the brethren in the Province now numbered as nearly as possible one thousand. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. C. Small 135 S.W., C. Collins 53 J.W., Rev. Prebendary Knowling, Wellington, and H. Saunderson 379 P.G. Chaplains, E. Turner Payne, Bath, P.G. Treas., Dr. Wybrants 437 P.G. Regis., J. C. Hunt 135 P.G. Sec., R. Cripps, Bushington, P.G.S.D., J. Tompsett 814 P.G.S.D., A. Hills 285 P.G. Superintendent of Works, W. Adams 261 P.G.D.C., L. Howes 906 P.G. Assist.-D.C., J. Hughes 1197 P.G. Sword Bearer, P. Barham 41 P.G. Organist, H. J. Taylor 772 P.G. Pursuivant, Albert Huntley 976 P.G. Assist.-Pursuivant, W. Woodward 291 Tyler, Salter 53 Assist.-Tyler. P.G. Stewards—L. Wheatley 1755, Edgar Thatcher 1199, E. Howell 329, G. R. Wilson 973, Mark Gibbons 1833, Dr. Kemmis 291. The customary banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Clarence Hotel.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Kintore, the throne was occupied by the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy Captain Charles Hunter, and there was a good attendance of Knight Companions. The minutes of last annual assembly and meetings of Grand Senate and Executive Committee were adopted, as was also their report for last year, which showed satisfactory progress in the Order. The following Ill. Sir Knights were appointed members of the Grand Council, and were elected to fill the undermentioned offices for next year:—Capt. Hunter Viceroy, John Crombie, Aberdeen, Senior General, James Crichton, Edinburgh, Junior General, Rev. T. N. Wannop High Prelate, Dr. George Dickson High Chancellor, Dr. James Carmichael Treasurer, R. S. Brown Recorder, Wm. Edwards High Almoner, J. H. Balfour W.S. Marshal, Colonel Robeson Sword Bearer, J. Dalrymple Duncan Standard Bearer, and J. Todd Stewart Chamberlain. Sir Knights D. Henderson, Edinburgh, and Dr. Thomas Milne, Alloa, were elected members of Grand Senate. J. Melville, A. M. Bruce, and George Barrie, members of Grand H. Almoner's Fund Committee. Letters of apology for absence, from the Earl of Kintore, M.Ill. Grand Sov., Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Past Grand Sov., the Rev. T. N. Wannop, G. H. Prelate, J. H. Balfour Grand Sword Bearer, and W. Maclean Grand Assistant Marshal, were read. After the transaction of the ordinary business, the Knights adjourned to the Waterloo Hotel, where they dined together, the Most Eminent Viceroy, Captain Charles Hunter, in the chair, with V.Ill. Sir Knight J. Crombie, Grand Sen. Genl., as Croupier, and the company being augmented by a large number of Knights, some of them from a distance. The Chairman was supported by W. Mann S.S.C. Treas. General of Supreme Council for Scotland A. and A. Rite, Major Rintoul, 16th Lancers; Lindsay Mackersy W.S. Registrar and Treasurer of Chapter General of the Order of the Temple, Dalrymple Duncan and Colonel J. Todd Stewart, Glasgow; R. S. Brown, J. Crichton, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and W. Hay Grand Architect, &c. Dinner over, the Chairman proposed the usual Loyal and introductory toasts, which were heartily drunk, the Navy being replied for by Dr. Byrne, of Elshieshields: the Army by Major Rintoul, and the Auxiliary Forces by Colonel Stewart. The next toast was that of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, which was proposed by the Chairman. He explained that unforeseen circumstances had prevented the Earl of Kintore from being present. The Earl, he said, was genial and kind, and he had suffered from the loss of an amiable and kind father. Under such circumstances, one and all of them must feel for him, and consider that at present it might not be easy for his Lordship to come amongst them. There was no one who had the interests and welfare of the Order more at heart; and they should join cordially in drinking to his Lordship's health. The toast was received with enthusiasm. The other toasts comprised—the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy Captain Charles Hunter, by the Croupier; the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by the Chairman, and acknowledged by R.W. Bro. W. Mann Past Senior Grand Warden; the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, by the Chairman, and responded for by Lindsay Mackersy; the Past and Present Members of the Grand Council, coupled with the name of J. Dalrymple Duncan, J. Crombie Sen. Gen., and G. Chamberlain; the Representatives of Sister Grand Councils, proposed by J. Crichton; the Sovereigns and Viceroys of Conclaves, by R. S. Brown; and the Grand Recorder, by the Chairman. Several songs were given by several of the Knights, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

FESTIVITIES IN LIVERPOOL.

THERE was a large and brilliant gathering of ladies and gentlemen at the Freemasons' Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday night, 27th October, on the occasion of the completion of the decorations of the grand banquetting hall, which had been closed for some time in order that the embellishments might be carried out on a proper scale. The decorations, which have been designed and executed by Bro. Francis Smith Past Master 201 P.G.S. of W.P. P.G.J. Cheshire, are most ornate and elaborate, the object being to illustrate some of the great principles of Freemasonry. The hall is 52 feet long by 30 wide, and is 25 feet high, with a spacious ladies' gallery. The room has a cove roof, tastefully set out, and in the centre of the ceiling is placed a richly-designed centre flower, from which is suspended a magnificent chandelier of brass work. The panels on the walls are on a blue ground, with massive gold framing, and embellished with the Grand Master's jewel, &c. The dado connecting the pilasters is of deep Sienna marble, with a band on the top composed of Masonic emblems. The panels in the ceiling are filled with original designs, illustrative of the symbols of the Craft and the duties of its principal Officers. This grand banquetting hall thus completed on a scale of splendour unequalled in the Provinces is really a fitting place for the purposes of the Craft, and the decorations have cost about £1,000. It may be mentioned that the carpeting has been furnished by Messrs. Purdey and Son, Church-street. The formal opening of the splendid chamber was signalised by a grand dramatic, literary, musical, and scientific soirée, conversazione, and ball, which was attended by between five and six hundred of the local Masonic brethren and their friends—a thoroughly representative gathering. The Committee-rooms, corridors, &c., were richly adorned with plants, ornamental vases, and marble columns, lent respectively by Bros. R. H. Exton, Messrs. Bennett and Sons, and Bro. John Jackson. Amongst the attractions of the evening was an art exhibition, specially superintended by Bros. Edward Grindley and Washington; and some scientific deposits were presided over by Bro. H. A. Tobias. The pictures were contributed by well-known members of the Craft, and included some of the best works of the late Wm. Daniels and other celebrated artists. Amongst the contributors to the scientific and antiquarian departments were Bros. Tobias, G. G. Walmsley, J. Sewill, F. Smith, Richard Brown, Mr. H. Ellis, Mrs. Bucknall, Bro. E. Carter, and Mr. A. H. Mason. Noticeable in the exhibits was a pack of silver playing cards, four hundred years old, lent by Bro. Tueski. The lower portions of the building were brilliantly illuminated by Japanese and Chinese lamps, supplied by Mr. H. Firth. Shortly after eight o'clock the festivities commenced by a dramatic performance in the new Lodge-room, the entertainment consisting of the petite comedy "A Kiss in the Dark," the *dramatis personæ* being composed of Bros. Frank Emery, Lindo Courtenay, Miss Florence Courtenay, and Miss Marie Weiss. It is unnecessary to add that with such a cast the comedy went without a hitch and was thoroughly enjoyed. The musical arrangements were by Bro. R. Burgess Organist Lodge 1609. At nine o'clock there was a miscellaneous concert, under the direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, the artistes being Mrs. Skeaf, Madame Parkes, Miss Florence Hayes and Bros. Webster Williams, W. Quayle, T. Foulkes, &c. The banquetting-hall was thrown open for supper shortly after ten, the caterers being Messrs. Galt and Capper, Lord-street. The decorative plate was lent by Bro. J. G. Jacobs, Church-street, and Messrs. Elkington and Co. The brethren present were attired in full Masonic clothing, with the insignia of their rank and office, and the scene was picturesque when they were all assembled in the banquetting-hall. At eleven o'clock Bro. Brammall presented his mirth-provoking sketch, "The Showman," after which an amateur dramatic performance was given by some of the brethren, the piece being "The Rosebud of Stinging Nettle Farm," by H. J. Byron. The stage management was kindly undertaken by Mr. E. C. Osborne. A little before midnight the proceedings were wound up by a ball, which took place in the new Lodge-room and in the Chapter-room, the music being supplied by Bro. G. A. Wielepolski Phillips, and Bro. H. M. Molyneux being Master of the Ceremonies. The whole of the arrangements were well carried out by a Committee, of which Bros. H. S. Alpass was the President, W. J. L. Lunt the Vice-President, J. T. Callow Treasurer, and Richard Brown and A. C. Wylie the Secretaries. They were ably assisted by the Sub-Committees, of which the Chairmen were:—Dramatic—Bro. L. Courtenay. Art and Literature Committee—Bro. Dr. Kellet Smith. Music Committee—Bro. Joseph Skeaf. Ball Committee—Bro. H. M. Molyneaux. Refreshment Committee—Bro. John Houlding, aided by J. Beesley and others.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P.M.—We will forward your communication to "DISCIPLE," who will, of course, exercise his own discretion in replying to it. We cannot see what good it will do you if "DISCIPLE" should think proper to enlighten you, nor do we like to suggest that your anxiety for information as to the original of the picture photographed by our correspondent reminds us of the old saying about "the cap fitting," &c. Yet it looks very much as though you were one of the unlearned array of Preceptors of whom "DISCIPLE" so justly complains. As to resigning your appointment, consult your friends firs

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Companions present were:—S. Rawson as M.E.Z., E. E. Wendt as H., Peter de Lande Long as J., Col. Creaton Treasurer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Rev. A. F. Woodford as S.N., C. A. Murton as P.S., R. F. Gould and Frank Richardson as Assistants, Col. Somerville Barney Sword Bearer, Magnus Ohren, Thomas Fenn, James Lewis Thomas, J. H. P. Dumas, Rev. C. W. Arnold, J. H. Scott, Joshua Nunn, H. G. Buss, A. J. Duff-Filer, J. M. Case, Robert Grey, T. S. Carter P.Z. 403 P.P.G.H. Herts, George Haldane P.Z. 349 P.D.D.G.M. Malta, E. Letchworth P.Z. 1237, G. Tidcombe jun. M.E.Z. 1549, M. Gamble Z. 13, George Lambert P.Z. 7 and 21, Thomas Massa H. 1293, William Stephens P.Z. 862 and 874, H. Massey P.Z. 619, A. A. Pendlebury P.Z. 975, Neville Green Z. 1524, W. H. Lee P.Z. 1524, William Dodd P.Z. 975, F. Adlard P.Z. 214, J. Mason P.Z. 73, C. Pulman Z. 157, Charles F. Hogard P.Z. 10 H. 141, and H. E. Frances P.Z. 857. Grand Chapter having been opened, Grand Scribe E. read the minutes of the August Convocation, which were put to the meeting and confirmed. On the motion of Colonel Creaton Treasurer, seconded by Comp. Joshua Nunn P. Dir. of Cers., the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 22nd July to the 19th October 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1670	14	1
„ „ Unappropriated account	176	2	1
„ Subsequent Receipts	276	4	0
	£2123	0	2
By Disbursements During the Quarter	174	3	6
„ Balance	1767	9	1
„ „ in Unappropriated Account.	181	7	7
	£2123	0	0

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, duly seconded, warrants were granted for four new Chapters:—The De La Pole Chapter, to be attached to the De La Pole Lodge, No. 1605, to meet at 58 Charlotte-street, Hull; the St. Matthew's Chapter, to be attached to the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, to meet at the Masonic Hall, Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire; the Northumberland Chapter, to be attached to the Northumberland Lodge, No. 685, to meet at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, to be attached to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, to meet at Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, London. Grand Chapter was then closed.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER, No. 25.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 25th ultimo. Present—Comps. G. R. Sherville I.P.Z. as M.E.Z. (in the absence of Comp. Martin M.E.Z., who is at present sojourning on the Continent), Hand H., Denton as J., W. Kirby P.Z. Treasurer, W. Platt P.Z. S.E., Fred. Hutton S.N., Thomas Elsey P.S., J. E. Shand 1st Assist., H. H. Smith W.S., and Comps. Denton, Lindner, and Simmons; Visitor—Comp. F. G. Baker P.Z. 753. Comp. W. C. Boyd, Surgeon Major, was unanimously re-elected a member of the Chapter after an absence of seven years in India on Medical Staff. Bro. J. T. Robins P.M. Robert Burns Lodge No. 25 was duly exalted. The brethren afterwards dined, and an enjoyable evening was passed. The M.E.Z. gave the usual R.A. toasts, and referred to the fact that Comp. Denton had travelled two hundred miles, from Yorkshire, to meet the Companions in Chapter. This Chapter will not meet again till January 1881.

SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES CHAPTER, No. 119, WHITEHAVEN.

THE annual convocation of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, 29th October, at three o'clok in the afternoon. The Companions assembled in full force from surrounding towns, and the greatest enthusiasm was manifested throughout the day. The Chapter having been opened by the Principals, M.E. Comps. Lamonby, Tyson, and Atkinson, the members were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. announced that the next business was the installation of the Principals elect, and he begged to call upon their old friend, E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., to take the chair as Installing Principal. The following Companions were then severally presented and installed, according to ancient custom, viz.: E. Tyron Z., Atkinson H., and Dalrymple J. The cement was then applied to secure the Royal Arch, and the solemn conclave closed. The Companions were then re-admitted, and the newly-installed Principals proclaimed, saluted and greeted. The other Officers for the year were invested and addressed by the Installing Principal, after which he pronounced the ancient benediction. E. Comp. Dr. Henry P.Z. said that their first duty was obviously to accord a vote of thanks to their old friend and Companion, Bowes, for the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of the day. It was well known that Comp. Bowes was a skilled craftsman, and that he was "at home" at all times, and not only so, but readily rendered assistance whenever required. He proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Bowes for his services, and requested that the vote be placed on the minutes. E. Comp. Lamonby seconded the proposition of Dr. Henry, and in doing so endorsed all that had been said by the proposer. The M.E.Z., Comp. Tyson, in supporting the vote, said that personally he was under great obligations to Comp. Bowes for coming, at great inconvenience to himself, to instal him that day. As to the ability of their Companion to work the ceremonies, he would not, because he need not, say a word; but there were personal considerations in connection with Comp. Bowes's visit to instal him which were very grateful to his feelings. Comp. Bowes was a friend of his late father, and he had experienced many kindnesses from him through a long period of years. The vote was carried by acclamation, and briefly acknowledged. The routine business being completed, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet. Grace before and after meat was said by the M.E.Z. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, after which local toasts received due consideration. We were delighted with the enthusiasm which pervaded the evening's proceedings. This Chapter is in good hands, and the newly-installed and invested Officers, one and all, seem determined to do their duty, and thereby to promote the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry. The proceedings were enlivened by a number of well-rendered songs and recitations. The Janitor's toast was drunk at nine o'clock.

Brunswick Chapter, No. 159.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple Hobart-street, Stonehouse. Amongst those present were Excellent Companions James Bartlett Z., Anthony H. Lethbridge H., J. H. Stephens E., Aitken Davies P.Z. P.P.G.R. S.E., Richard Lose P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., J. Trevena P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., W. Amery P.Z., J. B. Gover P.Z. 70 P.P.G.P.S., S. Jew P.Z. P.P.G.T., J. Baxter P.Z. 954 P.P.G. 2nd Assist., H. Cameron J. 1205, D. Cross P.Z. 1205, J. Dampney P.Z. 189, and many other Comps. of this and other Chapters. Two brethren were exalted, after which, in a Board of Installed Principals, Comp. A. Lethbridge was installed as Z., and Comp. J. H. Stephens as H. The other Officers elected and invested were:—James Bartlett P.Z., B. S. Johns S.N., E. Aitken Davies S.E., J. T. Hardy Treasurer, Charles A. Nicholson P.S., R. H. Carter 1st A.S., W. Collings 2nd A.S., W. H. Chapman Jan., and Antony Soper D.C. A sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the Devon Educational Fund, making this, as a Chapter, a life subscriber for fifteen years. The death of the late Provincial Grand Superintendent, Rev. J. Huyshe, was alluded to in very feeling terms by Comps. E. Aitken Davies and R. Lose, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Huyshe by the Scribe E. Ample refreshment in the very convenient rooms in the same building completed an instructive evening.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER, No. 1602.

A Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 22nd October. Present—Comps. I.P.Z. Sim P.M. 1602, John Cogan P.M. 1365 P.Z. elect, David Moses H P.M. Enfield 1237, Weston W.M. 1602, J. Osborn S.W. 1602 S.E., J. Greenfield J.D. 1602 P.S., Peach J.W. Enfield 1237 1st Assistant, Hirst Kent 15 2nd Assistant, Steedman Janitor, Thomas Organist, Hollidge Treasurer. Visitors—Comps. Terry P.Z. Sec. R.M.B.I., Stevens, Pearcy, &c. The ceremony of installing Comp. Cogan as P.Z. was, it is needless to say, ably performed by Comp. Terry, who was assisted by Comp. Stevens. The Officers were invested with collars of office, and the P.S. appointed his Officers. The Chapter was then closed. A resolution had previously been passed, removing the Chapter from the Agricultural Hall to the Cock, at Highbury, whither it is to be hoped the mother Lodge 1602 will soon also migrate, the inconvenience attending the gatherings at the Agricultural Hall, as Comps. I.P.Z. and P.S. Greenfield explained, having been endured for many years. A banquet was served in excellent style by the worthy Companion who is now conducting the business of our late Comp. Grist. The usual toasts having been given, and jewels presented to Comps. I.P.Z. Sim and P.Z. Hobbs, the latter for his assistance to this new Chapter, the Companions separated at an early hour, having enjoyed a very happy evening together.

Royal Cornubian Chapter, No. 331.—The annual meeting was held at Truro, on 26th ult., the M.E.Z. W. Tweedy presiding. Comp. Tweedy was re-elected to the office of M.E.Z., no Companion being qualified below the rank of P.Z. to fill the first Principal's chair. Comps. J. H Ferris and J. Hawker were installed as Second and Third Principal Companions, W. D. Rogers Scribe E., C. Bryant Scribe N., Gray P.S., and Simmons Standard Bearer. The distribution of the other offices was postponed until the next meeting. The members afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where they were provided with a dinner.

A report of the P. G. Lodge of Northumberland, held at Tynemouth, on the 29th ult., shall appear in our next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—All our Faculties—Almost all the organs of the human body are distinctly to be traced in Laughing Clowns. The particular use of that fold in the face [illegible] HOLLOWAY'S PILLS [illegible] themselves to the alimentary canal [illegible] from their use, no mortal can be made to [illegible] In all [illegible] cases, continued perseverance [illegible] these Pills have been exerted by these [illegible] over the [illegible] have been restored to ease, strength, and perfect health by HOLLOWAY'S PILLS, after a fair trial of the whole pharmacopœia of Physic, attest this fact.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"DISCIPLE'S" letter is well timed. The Craft has been largely recruited, but especially from the educated classes, during the last ten years. Indeed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is reported to have said, at the Masonic banquet given by the Lord Mayor on Monday, the 25th ult., that the number of certificates issued annually during the past decade was 10,000, and he, as Grand Master, is not likely to have been misinformed. It behoves us, therefore, to use every effort to impress those who join our ranks with the reality of our claims to be considered not only a well-organised, but likewise an enlightened body. But how can this be, if the duty of instruction is left in charge of those who are conspicuous by their ignorance even of the commonest requirements of English grammar? It is some time since I have attended any Lodge of Instruction, but I did so habitually two or three years ago, and I am sorry to say that, except in one or two cases, I was always hesitating between the desire to laugh outright at what I heard and the determination to run away from such sorry displays of unpardonable ignorance. There sat the Preceptor—I will state a case without saying aught that may prejudice any particular Lodge of Instruction—pipe in hand, and, as occasion required, he furnished the words necessary to complete a sentence, but his English was of the most extraordinary character. I must say he was a most worthy fellow, and kindly gave all his leisure time to the Masonic enlightenment of his fellows. Yet this desire to enlighten was only surpassed by his ignorance of his native tongue. You may imagine, Dear Sir and Brother, that, under these circumstances, the brethren who attended this Lodge of Instruction were, as a rule, about as brilliant scholars as their Preceptor. The landlord's servants' vocabulary must, to borrow an idea from *Punch*, have been wonderfully enriched with the H's that had been let fall in the course of the evening, and the "Genius of English Pronunciation" must have been sorely puzzled what to do with the surplus stock of the same letter with which the Preceptor and his associate brethren insisted on presenting to him in the most incongruous fashion. As for anything like an exposition of our ritual and its mysteries, that was out of the question entirely. Great attention was paid to verbal accuracy so far as that was possible with a due regard to the respectable H, but why passages were phrased in this or that manner, and what was their ordinary, what their hidden interpretation—on these points no single word of explanation was ever forthcoming. In fine, attendance at a Lodge of Instruction is one which it is the duty of every brother to fulfil at some period of his career, but I do not hesitate to say it is a most painful one, and will ever remain so until Preceptors of, I will not say extraordinary, but average ability, are appointed to preside over them.

Fraternally yours,

DIGAMMA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The able letter from "DISCIPLE" in your last week's issue has, in the opinion of many, come none too soon, and it will undoubtedly prove a boon to the Craft, if only by enlivening up some Preceptors as to the grave responsibility of the office they accept, and thereby enable their pupils to get what they have a right to expect—*i.e.*, good sound teaching, with *real instruction*, and not *only*—what it too often proves—a rehearsal; and should any Preceptor not be *able* to give it, "it were better he should retire," and be replaced by an abler exponent of the mysteries of the Craft. "Explanations of Tracing-board," and personal instruction in what I may term "Masonic drill," are generally ignored. Nothing shews itself quicker than ignorance of the *proper* method of giving salutes and signs, and this is but too often the result of want of *personal* instruction, which, I take it, should be a constituent part of the instruction given. Good Lodges are to be found, although few, but my advice is—"When found, make a note of," and regularly attend those, and those only.

Now, a word for those few Preceptors who *do* do their duty. Let them be encouraged by a regular and *punctual* attendance of members, for some Preceptors, even though able, lose heart at the *half-hearted*-way they are supported; and, whilst Preceptors are reminded that their doctrine is valued the more lucidly they disseminate it, members should be equally reminded that the duty they owe their Preceptor is no light one, and consists of *punctuality*, and a "strict attention to the business immediately before them," leaving non-mystical matters until Lodge has closed. How often do we also find that a Lodge cannot be opened on account of inability to say "We are seven;" and thus good time is frittered away ere business commences.

Believing that good will ensue, and that soon, from the ventilation of this subject,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

LEO, SEC.

26th October 1880.

THE UNMASONIC TRIAL.

BRO. VOIGT v. BROS. CARR, LAKING AND TREVOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some little time ago Brother Voigt stated in your columns that "before even issuing the writ in this action he had the express permission of the Provincial authorities for doing so," and this, he added, he was "ready to prove whenever called upon?" I beg therefore now thus publicly to challenge Bro. Voigt to abide by his word, and to prove the truth of that statement. I have a letter, dated 1st inst., from R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell D.P.G.M. for the N. and E. Ridings of Yorkshire, in which he says that "he had, in the Hornsea case, made every friendly effort to *prevent* litigation, and that the institution of the late law suit received from him neither permission nor encouragement," thus bearing out my surmise on the subject. R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell further adds, that "Bro. Voigt declared that he felt his character as a merchant and a citizen to be at stake; that he had in the printed resolution been termed 'dishonourable;' that no *Masonic* adjudication could possibly satisfy him, and that he should not be content with anything short of the verdict of a *public* tribunal."

Whilst thus speaking in his own name, I presume R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell also speaks on behalf of Lord Zetland the P.G.M., whose Deputy he is; and the question naturally arises therefore, *who* were "the Provincial Masonic authorities" who gave Bro. Voigt their "express permission" to issue the writ of action against Bros. Carr, Laking and myself?

Common Justice to Lord Zetland and Dr. Bell, and to my co-defendants and myself, as well as to the credit of our common Fraternity demands, I think, the instant clearing up of this scandal. The latter part of Bro. Dr. Bell's letter seems to me a grim commentary on the innocent Masonic forbearance in this matter which some of Bro. Voigt's admirers have attributed to him, and for which, if I mistake not, he has himself publicly taken credit.

Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR.

Kendal, 3rd November 1880.

RETURN TO THE CLERK OF THE PEACE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Is what is mentioned in the following excerpt from the *Norwich Argus* of 14th August last really the case?

"A P.M.—The best answer we can give relative to 39 Geo. III., c. 79, is to quote the following notice sent yearly to the W.M. of Lodge 1458:—'I beg to call your attention to the provisions of the above Act, which require that every Lodge of Freemasons shall, on or before the 25th day of March, in each year, register with the Clerk of the Peace the names and descriptions of all the members of such Lodge, or, in default thereof, such Lodge is liable to a penalty of twenty pounds, half of which is payable to the informers. A fee of 8s 6d must accompany return, otherwise the same cannot be registered and filed."

As an old Mason I may say I have never heard of anything of the kind before.

Yours fraternally,

W. M.

[The *Norwich Argus* is correct in its statement. The penalty is seldom, if ever, enforced, but still the fact remains that every Lodge not fulfilling the requirements of the act renders itself liable to the penalty.—ED. F.C.]

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (T.I.)

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong, Prov. G. Inspector of Works, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. T. J. Armstrong Prov. G. Sec. S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.O., J. E. Robson M.O., R. G. Salmon S.O., J. Wood J.O., R. Lock Treas., J. S. B. Bell Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., J. Usher J.D., G. Ford I.G., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Simpson and Lyons, both of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, which proved in their favour. The W.M., through indisposition, had to leave the Lodge, whereupon Bro. W. E. Franklin I.P.M. P.G.S.W. occupied the chair, and advanced, in a very efficient manner, the two candidates to this honourable degree. The election of W.M. was the next business, and resulted in the unanimous choice of the Lodge falling on Bro. T. J. Armstrong S.W. Bro. R. Lock was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the health of the W.M. elect drunk. A very pleasant evening was spent.

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PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1705.

THE Count des Geneys was installed, according to ancient custom, as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the year ensuing. The ceremony took place on 28th ult., at the Star Assembly Room, Gosport, in the presence of a large number of the brethren, including Bros. A. Cudlipp P.M. (Mayor of Portsmouth), Col. J. H. Inglefield, R.A.; Capt. Alfred Balliston R.N.; J. Wallingford P.M. 903 P.P.G.W., G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903 P.P.G.D., Arthur R. Holbrook W.M. 309, R. Barnes W.M. 242 P.G.D., W. Dart W.M. 804, R. W. Mitchell W.M. 903, G. R. Strick W.M. 1428, George Grant W.M. 1705, Valentine Brown P.M. 903, C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 1705 P.G.S., J. Wilson P.M. 903, W. Farren P.M. 1428, H. W. Townsend P.M. 1428 P.G.D., Rev. P. H. Good 1069, Arthur Jolliffe I.G. 257, R. W. Downing S.W. 903, C. J. E. Mumby S.D. 1705, T. Batchelor Sec. 1705, G. H. Weller 35, G. Pearman 487, W. Brunwin Sec. 903, Douglas Gilmour 309, W. A. Hill 309, G. Darby I.G. 1705, J. Johncox, W. M. Chalcraft, Alexander Miller, J. W. Warden, A. Allen, W. J. Burrell, J. S. Senior, A. Knight, W. Smith, and John Havell 1705, J. E. Thornton and Smith 905, John Westaway 1834, J. B. Hammond and J. L. Shipham 1428, H. D. Stevens 804, Misselbrook, &c. The ceremony of installing the new W.M. was performed in a masterly manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. George Grant, to whom a special vote of thanks was afterwards awarded. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. George Grant I.P.M., Captain A. Balliston, R.N., S.W., Thomas Batchelor J.W., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. Treasurer, C. J. E. Mumby Secretary, G. Darby S.D., A. Knight J.D., A. Cave I.G., S. J. Senior D.C., W. C. Webb and W. M. Chalcraft Stewards. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the India Arms Hotel, Bro. the Count des Geneys W.M. presiding.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.—This flourishing Lodge met on the 2nd inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. James Lewis W.M., W. Emden as S.W., Wolfsky P.M. as J.W., Dr. Allworth P.M. Treas., Longley P.M. Hon. Sec., Adkin S.D. Beckett I.G., S. Williams Steward, Goddard P.M. Tyler, I.P.M. Jessop. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Bro. W. Holland (lessee Royal Surrey Theatre), P.M. 157, and F. M. Mundy, No. 859, which were unanimously in their favour. Some resignations were announced, and accepted with regret. Lodge was then closed. After banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. M. Jessop I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., who is popular and well respected by those in the Lodge, and many out of it knew his worth. The W.M. thanked Bro. Jessop for his kind expressions; he believed there was no Lodge more united than theirs. He regretted he had not had more work to do for them, but his services would always be at their disposal. To the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Richards said, if they would accept him as a joining member, he would be only too pleased to be enrolled among them. Bros. Dawes, Phillips and H. M. Levy followed; they all thanked the W.M. for his hospitality. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters; he alluded to the able manner they had conducted the duties of the chair. Bros. Jessop, Longley and Dr. Allworth severally responded. The W.M. next complimented the Wardens; he regretted the resignation of the S.W., who is a brother they all respect. Bro. W. Emden is a man of strict integrity, and when elected to fill the chair would do his duty to their satisfaction. After this compliment had been acknowledged, several other toasts were given; harmony was well sustained, and an enjoyable evening was passed. The Visitors were Bros. W. L. Dawes 619, A. Godfrey 193, P. G. Phillips 1297, H. S. Richards 145, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

NUTS TO CRACK FOR ANCIENT LANDMARK STICKLERS.

If I differ in opinion from an older member of the Craft than myself, I am told I disturb the ancient landmarks of the Order. If in Grand Lodge one brother cannot reply to the arguments of another, he accuses his opponent of a desire of overstepping the landmarks of the Order. If the shining light who protests he never read the magazine, writes a good sheet of foolscap to complain that his speech at the Pig and Whistle Lodge was omitted (from your magazine) he also tells, in his case, the ancient landmarks are in danger. There are four tribunals to which Masons are amenable, viz., the ancient Charges and Constitutions of the Order; the by-laws of their Lodges; the Board of General Purposes, and the ancient landmarks of the Order. The last is the most terrible of all, as no one knows what they are, nor what they mean, while every man silences his neighbour by an appeal not to throw down the landmarks of the Order.

"Mr. Editor,—Tell us, tell us where these landmarks are planted? whom they affect? what is their use (or abuse)? and any other information you please, for I, for one, am heartily tired of having that old fogey—the ancient landmarks—thrust down my gullet on every occasion. If it is a figure of speech, let some of your correspondents explain. But excuse me if I add, don't tell me, in asking these queries, I have trodden down any of the ancient landmarks of the Order, for I take them to be, until better informed, perfect myths."

X. Y. Z.

Bro. Corner Stone:—I came across the above communication in the *Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror*, London December 9, 1859, page 507, but neither the editor nor any of his contributors and correspondents replied to it, or took the least notice thereof. Now, this Masonic ancient landmark puzzle ought to be solved. I think that tens of thousands of brethren would like to know what the said ancient landmarks of the Order are. I never could find any one in Boston who could tell me what the ancient landmarks are. Cannot one of the New York Masonic luminaries enlighten the Brotherhood upon this important question?

J. N.

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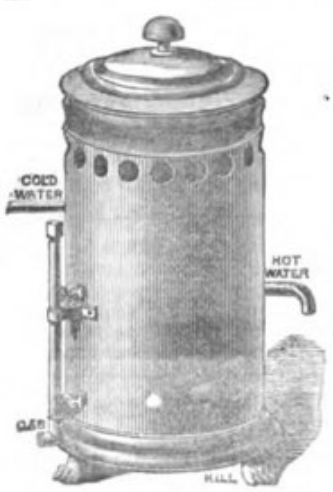
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Town Hall, Marlborough, the receiving Lodge being the Loyalty, No. 1533, of that town. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by (amongst others) the following Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers of Wiltshire:—Sir ... Goldney, M.P., D.P.G.M., F. H. Goldney P.S.G.W., ... P.G. Treas., W. H. Long, M.P., P.J.G.W., Rev. A. He... P.G. Chap., William Nott P.P.J.G.W. P.G. Reg., Henry C. ...bbs P.G.D. Eng. P.G. Sec., A. R. Browne P.G.S. of W., John Chandler P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D.C., Chas. Gauntlett P.G.A.D.C., H. E. Bishop P.G. Pursuivant, Robert Stokes P.P.S.G.W., Thos. H. Chandler P.P.S.G.W., John Toomer P.P.S.G.W., Thos. Graham P.P.J.G.W., C. F. Marshall P.P.J.G.W., E. Turner Payne P.G.D. Eng. P.P.J.G.W., Major Henry Calley P.P.G.D., J. Campbell Maclean P.P.G.D., A. Plummer P.P.G.A.D.C., T. P. Fulcher P.G.R., R. S.

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Edmonds P.P.G.A.D.C., J. J. New P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Affleck P.P.G.P., &c., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. the Marquis of Ailesbury, Lord F. Bruce, Rev. T. C. Lyons P.G. Chap. Somerset, &c., &c. The roll of the various Lodges in the Province was called, and Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and the Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly audited, were afterwards read and passed. The Prov. G. Sec. Bro. Henry C. Tombs P.G.D. then read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee, which had been held immediately before the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, from which it appeared that having in view a recommendation for the establishment of a Benevolent Fund which would this day be made by the Committee appointed on that subject, a grant of £50 to such Benevolent Fund, should it be established, was recommended by the Charity Committee. The Charity Committee also called attention to the heavy burden which fell upon Bro. Nott, the Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, in carrying out the objects of that Committee, as well as expenses actually out of pocket, a great deal of his clerk's time being occupied, and otherwise, and recommended that he should be reimbursed in these respects. Such recommendations were approved and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. W. Nott P.P.J.G.W., read his Annual Report, by which it appeared that the number of members of Lodges in the Province was practically the same as last year, standing at 448 as against 455. The general working expenses, including rent, Tylers, and refreshments, stood at an average of 15s per member, the amount devoted to charity, averaging 5s 6d per member, varying from quite a nominal sum in one Lodge to 14s 5d per member in another. The Registrar's Report again, as last year, called attention to the large amount of arrears of subscription outstanding in one or two Lodges, and also to the repeated laxity in sending in the necessary returns shown by some Lodges. This Report was adopted. Brother Nott then, as Secretary to the Provincial Charity Organization Committee, rose to read his report of the work done by that Committee during the past year. Before doing so, however, he took the opportunity of thanking the Provincial Grand Master, and brethren, for their adoption of the recommendation of the Charity Committee that his expenses should be paid, and said that as regards actual expenses out of pocket, such as railway fares, printing, &c., he considered it nothing but fair that these should be paid out of the Provincial Fund, but beyond that he should not think of accepting a penny. He then read the report, showing that the Province during the past year had been successful in carrying the election of two candidates for the Girls' School. As the result of this, the Committee stood pledged to an extent which would require all its available votes for the next election or two, but the Committee felt sure that it would not lack for the support of the Province in this direction, seeing what success had been achieved. The report further stated that the Committee had received from the Lodges and Masons of the Province during the year 1132 votes for the various Institutions, and it mentioned that their Province was now working on intimate reciprocal terms with no less than eleven other Provinces. In addition to this report, the Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee stated that he felt personally indebted to Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, who had rendered him, and therefore the Province of Wiltshire, very great assistance at the recent Girls' School election, on the 9th of this month, when he, the secretary, was personally unable to be present. His place, however, had been kindly and well filled by Captain Homfray, with the result of securing the success of their candidate, and he trusted that the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire would join with him in expressing its thanks to the D.P.G.M. of Monmouth for his valuable assistance. On the motion of Bro. Tombs, seconded by Brother Affleck, the report was approved, and the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge voted to Brother Homfray. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, then alluded to the next subject on the agenda paper, namely, the consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge as to the establishment of a Provincial Benevolent Fund. He, the Provincial Grand Master, had read such report, and had no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that it was well worthy of adoption, although at first sight he thought there might have been some objection to it, on the ground of causing a collision between this Provincial Lodge and the General Masonic Charities. The Provincial Grand Master then said, that printed copies of the report having been circulated among the brethren, it should be taken as read, and he called upon Bro. F. H. Goldney, the chairman of the Committee, to introduce the subject to the meeting. W. Bro. F. H. Goldney P. G. Treas. said, that after a considerable amount of discussion the Committee, at a very large meeting, where every Lodge in the Province he believed was represented, had come to the unanimous decision to present to this Provincial Grand Lodge the report as it then stood. A considerable amount of discussion took place, chiefly on minor points, the principal one of importance raised having reference to one of the objects of the proposed Benevolent Fund. As recommended by the Committee, there was to be power to make grants to "Benevolent and Charitable purposes generally." Bro. Stokes, of Salisbury, objected to this wide range, and read a letter from Lord Harry Thynne, who was unfortunately prevented from being present, also taking this view, the principal reason being that whilst such powers were vested as now in the Provincial Grand Lodge they were unnecessary in the case of the proposed Fund, and Bro. Stokes proposed the insertion of the word "Masonic" before the words quoted. Bro. Henry C. Tombs strongly opposed this, as savouring too much of selfishness, and urged that, as Masons, it behoved us to show to the world at large that Masons were large-hearted and did not confine their charity to themselves. However, after some discussion, the conclusion was come to that as the Fund would for the present have but little to spare in the direction indicated, and as an alteration could at any time be made, the word "Masonic" should be inserted as proposed. And it was then, on the motion of Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Stokes P.P.S.G.W., resolved unanimously—"That the powers of the present Provincial Charity Organization Committee be increased, and that its name be altered to that of the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, and that it consist, as at present, of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Treasurer, the Registrar and the Secretary for the time being of the Province, the Secretary to the Committee, and a Representative from each Lodge, together with the addition of Life Governors to be constituted by donations to the Fund. That the Fund to be at the disposal of such new Committee be composed of grants from Provincial Grand Lodge, subscriptions from each Lodge in the Province (willing to subscribe), and other voluntary subscriptions and donations from Lodges and brethren. That for the present, and until further direction by Provincial Grand Lodge, not less than three-fourths of the annual income be capitalised and invested. And that the Fund be applied by the Committee for (*a*) the relief of aged or necessitous brethren of this Province or their indigent widows; (*b*) the relief, education and advancement of the children of Freemasons of this Province; (*c*) the support of the general Masonic Charities, subject to the approval of Provincial Grand Lodge; (*d*) Masonic Benevolent and Charitable purposes generally." A set of Rules for the carrying out of the recommendations contained in the Report had been prepared by the Committee and accompanied its Report. These Rules, with the necessary alterations to make them accord with the foregoing resolution, were also unanimously adopted, on the proposition of Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, seconded by Bro. Stokes. The Provincial Grand Master then called attention to the valuable work descriptive of the History of Freemasonry in this Province which had been, since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, completed by the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. F. H. Goldney, who, entirely at his own expense, had presented a copy of such work to every brother in the Province. He was sure that such a handsome and valuable contribution to Freemasonry in this Province deserved some substantial mark of appreciation, and he therefore begged to propose that a jewel be presented to the author by this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that he be asked to accept the warmest thanks of the brethren for his liberality. This was seconded by Bro. E. T. Payne P.G.D., and carried by acclamation. The Provincial Grand Treasurer briefly returned thanks. The Provincial Grand Master then referred to the trouble taken by Bro. Nott in relation to preparing the report and draft rules as to the establishment of a Benevolent Fund, as well as to his services as Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, and to the very liberal way in which he had treated the P. G. Lodge as regarded his expenses in connection with that Committee, and proposed that a jewel should be also voted to Bro. Nott as some recognition of those services. The P.G.M. further proposed that the Provincial Grand Secretary and two Wardens should act as a Committee for carrying out this and the preceding resolution. This proposition was seconded by Sir G. Goldney, and carried by acclamation. Brother Nott subsequently tendered his thanks to the Provincial Grand Lodge for this token of its appreciation of his services. The next business on the agenda paper was to consider the Bye-laws and Charity rules of the Province, with a view to the amendment thereof if found necessary; and on the proposition of Brother H. C. Tombs, seconded by Brother W. Nott, it was resolved that it be referred to a committee, composed of the same members as that to which the question of the Benevolent Fund had been referred, to consider the necessity for the revision of such bye-laws and rules, and to report thereon to the next Provincial Grand Lodge; and, further, that it be a direction to such Committee to consider the desirability of increasing the fees of honour. The Provincial Grand Master then declared all offices vacant, and Bro. F. H. Goldney having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. Charles F. Marshall 335 Corsham P.S.G.W., Alfred Plummer 1533 New Swindon P.G.J.W., Rev. John A. Lloyd 1533 New Swindon P.G. Chaplain, F. H. Goldney (re-elected) 626 Chippenham P.G. Treasurer, William Nott (re-appointed) 663 Devizes P.G. Reg., Henry C. Tombs (re-appointed) 355 Swindon P.G. Sec., Alderman R. N. Fowler 626 Chippenham P.S.G.D., Thomas S. Futcher 586 Salisbury P.J.G.D., E. B. Merriman 1533 Marlborough P.G.S.Wks., John Chandler (re-appointed) 355 Swindon P.G.D.C., Thomas R. Lavington 632 Trowbridge P.G.A.D.C., John Carter 1533 Marlborough P.G.S.B., W. S. Bambridge 1533 Marlborough P.G. Org., J. Hammond 1533 Marlborough P.G. Purs., John Savory (re-elected) P.G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master, before closing the Lodge, said he was happy to congratulate the Worshipful Master and members of the Lodge of Loyalty on the success which it had attained after an existence of only five years, and stated how pleased he was to hear that its finances had been so carefully managed that it was out of debt—a good example for other Lodges. He could not doubt that the Lodge of Loyalty must flourish with the countenance and support of such eminent men as the Marquis of Ailesbury and his sons, and of Bro. Merriman and others. There was one event which had occurred during the past year that he could not refrain from alluding to, and he took the opportunity of congratulating the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., upon the high and distinguished honour Her Majesty had been pleased to confer upon him in creating him a baronet, for his assiduous attention to his public duties, and as an acknowledgment of his general worth. It was most gratifying to him (the Provincial Grand Master) that he should have selected two brethren as Deputy Prov. Grand Masters who had proved such good men and true, and had made for themselves such mark in the world as to entitle them to receive, as they justly deserved, such approval at the hand of Her Majesty—namely, Sir Daniel Gooch, formerly Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this Province, and now the Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, and his successor, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart. The Prov. Grand Master alluded to the irregularity in sending in the returns from the various Lodges alluded to in the report of the Registrar, but stated

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that he was very pleased to be informed that arrangements had been made by which such delay would not again occur. There was one occurrence during the year to which he could not allude without the deepest regret, and that was the great loss the Province of Wiltshire had sustained in the death of Bro. W. H. Poynder, who in all his actions was a bright example of charitableness and liberality. The Prov. Grand Master alluded, with gratification, to the establishment of a Benevolent Fund for this Province, and personally desired to thank Bros. F. H. Goldney, W. Nott, and Henry C. Tombs for the active steps they had taken in the matter. He concluded by expressing his regret at his absence last year, and thanking the brethren for the warm consideration ever shown to him. After the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the brethren dined together in another part of the same building, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen, who was supported by the Marquis of Ailesbury and his son, Lord F. Bruce, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Bro. W. H. Long, M.P., &c., &c. An excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Carter, to which the Marquis of Ailesbury had contributed a bountiful supply of game, was done full justice to by the brethren, and the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts brought a pleasant and successful gathering to a close.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7 30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Annual Supper of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
R.C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Hull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading. (INSTALLATION)
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1218—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (I n.)
1388—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athel-stan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Swansborough, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road. (INSTALLATION)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
115—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
449—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7:30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levensbulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst. Present:—Bros. James Forbes W.M., R. Marsh P.M. S.W., L. W. Harvey P.W. J.M., James A. Abbott P.M. Sec., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., W. Willey P.M. S.D., S. W. Thompson J.D., Rusell Elliott I.G. James Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Valentine and W. T. Scott; Bros. Gregory, R. Watson, Bickingsale, Cordery, J. T. D. Wallace, G. C. Lever, Bantocks, W. H. Plaister. The business comprised the passing of Bro. Alfred Price. Bro. F. B. Leeming was ballotted for, and accepted as a joining member.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 2nd inst. Present:—Bros. Roberts W.M., Shadler S.W., Clements J.W., Cheese S.D., Irvin I.G., Daniel, Hollands, Chicken, Walker. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chicken candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cheese, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Roberts resumed the chair, and opened the Lodge in the 3rd degree, and closed the same in the 3rd and 2nd degrees. Bro. Shadler was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday fortnight. The Annual Supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Tuesday next, 9th November, at 7 p.m.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the vacation was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bros. W. R. Lister W.M., Dr. W. Wilkinson S.W., C. A. Woods J.W., T. Ball P.M. Treasurer, Manley Acting Secretary, A. Kerrell J.D., May as I.G., J. Reid D.C., Brock W.C., Past Masters J. H. Leggott, G. Purkiss, Haslett, G. S. States P.G.S., and a goodly attendance of the brethren. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.M. P.P.G.P. Middlesex Secretary, owing to his meeting with an accident, was absent. Visitors—Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, T. Trimnell 1425, Tribbel 1287. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Weiss was raised to the third degree by the W.M., who was ably assisted by the Officers. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; he spoke of the grand reception given by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This was an event in Freemasonry rarely met with—an event that never will be forgotten. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was coupled the name of Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., who they were all pleased to see among them. This toast was eloquently responded to by Bro. Albert. Bro. Leggott I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he might, with justice, say they had rarely seen better working. On the night of his installation Bro. Lister was labouring under indisposition, but they had seen his capability for work that evening. The W.M., on rising, was received with acclamation; he said the expressions of Bro. Leggott, and the reception given by the brethren to the toast, had almost overpowered him. His aim was to advance the interests of the Lodge; he was pleased he had had an opportunity of working the third degree. While in occupancy of the chair the more initiates they had the better he would be pleased to receive them. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Weiss, who was initiated in this Lodge, and had been raised that evening. From the attention he had paid to the ceremony, the W.M. was sure he would become a credit to the Order. Bro. Weiss having responded, the toast of the Visitors was given. Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., H. M. Levy, Tribbel, and Trimnell severally responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. It was always a pleasure to see brethren like Bros. Leggott, T. Bull, Haslett, and G. States; the latter was now the oldest member of the Lodge. He regretted the absence of Bro. Thiellay, which absence was occasioned by an accident. The toast having been ably responded to, the W.M. then proposed that of the Wardens and Officers, and after this compliment had been acknowledged, the Tyler gave the parting toast.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—A regular meeting was held on the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. H. Hymans W.M., R. Baker S.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Benjamin S.D., N. Banm I.G., Davis D.C., Bean and Botibol Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s L. Alexander, L. Lazarus, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. Phillips (son of Bro. L. H. Phillips, C.C.), which was unanimously in his favour; he was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Howard was raised to the 3rd degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. H. Wright and I. Botibol as joining members, which were unanimously in their favour. A telegram was received from the J.W. Bro. L. M. Myers, regretting his absence. Two distressed brethren were relieved with small sums. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for light refreshments, where the W.M. very ably presided.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Samuel Bradley W.M., Charles Stephens S.W., R. C. Mount J.W., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treas., M. J. Withers Sec., F. J. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler J.D., F. Blackwell, C. G. Butler, W. Moffatt Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler: P.M.'s Bros. Oades I.P.M., Yetts, R. Bradley, Weightman; Bros. G. W. Webb, Dodd, Sherwood, Field, Oswell, Higgs, E. Davis, Chamberlain jun., Hawker. Visitors—Bros. Trollope 340, Shanks P.M. 189, Watts 1533, Humm 1533. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Chamberlain, Dodd, and Sherwood, candidates for passing, answered the customary questions, were entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the above named brethren were passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. announced that Bros. Shanks and Trollope were present as a deputation from Wallingford brethren, who were desirous of forming a Lodge there, and to ask for the recommendation of the Lodge of Union to Grand Lodge that their petition might be granted. After hearing Bro. Major Shanks in favour of the petition, which was signed by several influential brethren of Wallingford and its neighbourhood, it was decided to give the approval of

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the Lodge, and that the petition be signed by the W.M. and Wardens. Bro. Shanks expressed the thanks of the deputation. Bro. Leaver having given notice to relinquish the care of the Lodge premises, the matter was referred to the permanent Committee to consider and report thereon. The Treasurer wished to have the opinion of the Lodge as to the time the contributions were to be paid up to. The question arose from a brother resigning membership at the April Lodge; he considered that having paid up to the previous October, he was clear of liability; he did not resign till after the notice of the April Lodge had been received by him, and therefore the Treasurer conceived that he was liable for the current half year, as his former payment only cleared him to Christmas. This was also referred to the permanent Committee. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to the third Tuesday in November.

ERRATA.—In our last report of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101—*for* the W.M. "Prov. Grand Senior Warden Berks and Bucks" *read* "Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works Berks and Bucks;" also *for* Bro. Hurley P.M. "Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works Berks and Bucks" *read* "P. Prov. Grand Junior Warden Berks and Bucks."

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554. — The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 2nd inst. Bro. E. W. Walter (S.W. Mother Lodge) presided. Bros. J. Taylor S.W., Harvey J.W., Lax S.D., Barnes J.D., Hawes I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Hon. Sec., Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cross candidate, deaconed by Bro. P.M. Barnes. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture were then worked by Bro. J. Taylor. Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on the 9th inst., and Lodge was closed, the brethren having passed a pleasant and instructive evening in their comfortable quarters.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of the above took place, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, on Wednesday, 27th October. Present—Bros. Henry V. Clements W.M., Farren S.W., Garrod J.W., Tegg S.D., Lewis J.D., Fidler I.G., and a good muster of the members, amongst whom were Bros. David Roberts P.M. Treasurer, Cunningham P.M. Sec., Wells, Linzell, Jones, Dance, Stephens, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. K. Harris and Palmer. The Lodge having been duly opened in the usual form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. conferred the second degree upon Bro. J. D. Birkin. On resuming, Mr. Percy Gilling (who had been previously balloted for) was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and Bro. William Palmer, of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, was unanimously elected a joining member. Other business of a minor character being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was presided over by the W.M., who, on removal of the cloth, gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. To the health of the Initiate Bro. Gilling expressed his grateful thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received into Freemasonry that evening, and hoped to prove himself a worthy Mason amongst them, and in due time merit the honour they had done him. The health of the W.M. and that of the P.M.'s having been respectively given and replied to, Bro. Kennett Harris, of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, on behalf of the Visitors, said it was the first time he had had the good fortune to visit this Lodge, but he could not be looked upon as a stranger, for most of the faces he saw around him were so familiar that he felt as much at home as he did in his own Lodge. It had been his privilege to visit many Lodges, but he could safely say, and with all sincerity, that he never saw the work done so well; the ceremonies as rendered by the W.M. that evening were of a character that could not fail to keep up the prestige of Freemasonry. Other toasts followed, and after spending a very pleasant evening, the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A goodly number of the brethren assembled at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 29th October, to greet the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who on that evening occupied the chair of K.S., Bros. Walter Goss P.M. acting as S.W., F. Botley J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Youens J.D., Kent I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Gunner Hon. Sec., Gomm I.P.M. &c., &c. Lodge was regularly formed and opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Three brethren (candidates for advancement) answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Wotton acting as candidate the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree; Bro. Maton kindly represented the candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. Bros. Sperring, Lees and Daniell were re-admitted, and the dues were collected. Bros. Lees and Daniell were unanimously elected members. Bro. Goss P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he appointed his officers. Bro. Secretary announced that the invitations for the Annual Banquet, to be held on the 19th November, would be in the hands of the members in the course of a few hours. Lodge was then closed, and amid hearty congratulations to the W.M. for the very instructive evening, the meeting was adjourned, till 5th November, at half-past seven.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—An emergency meeting was held on Monday evening, the 1st inst., at the East Hill Hotel, when there were present:—Bros. J. B. Walker W.M., J. G. Kewney, J. G. Carter, W. T. Bell, J. J. Holland, F. Reed, Denham and others. The only business of the evening was to initiate Mr. George Manning, of Clapham-park, who is about leaving for abroad. The ceremony was well performed by the W.M.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, on the 27th ult. Bro. J. H. Pringle W.S. 781 presided, and was supported by Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 933 as S.W., John Taylor as J.W., Turquand P.M. Preceptor, C. Breden P.M. Hon. Sec., Ellingford S.D., Stewart J.D., and Robinson I.G. Among the numerous brethren present were Bros. Dixon, Mills, Tytheridge, Gregory, Tillman, Keable, Day, Tholander, Kent, Barrett, Britton, Austen, Bull, Gaisford, Bennett, Willshaw, Pearcy, Davies, Hedges, Warner, Andrews, Homer, Schoefield, Jones, Rundell, Raines, Ould, Patty, Lawson, Wheatly, Kendall, Hammond, &c. &c. Lodge was opened up with all due formalities, and, upon its resumption, Bro. Pringle worked the 1st and 2nd Lectures, assisted by the following brethren:—Ellingford, Stewart, Hogg, Cohen, Taylor, McDonald, Barnes, Robinson, Webb, Wooding, and Forss. Lodge was then called off for refreshment. When the brethren reassembled, Bro. P.M. Breden Hon. Sec. presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome timepiece and ornaments to Bro. Turquand, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services, as Preceptor to the Lodge during a period of nearly four years. Bro. Barnes, in felicitous terms, endorsed the remarks of Bro. Breden, and Bro. Turquand acknowledged the handsome gift. The labours of the evening were resumed after this pleasant episode, and the 3rd Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Scheerboom, Job, and Cohen. Bros. T. Wooding J.W. 1306, T. J. Tyer J.D. 1306, Clements Steward 1306, Pavitt 860, Forss 554, Kendall 1625, and Patty 525, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks, together with the Honorary Membership of the Lodge, was conferred upon Bro. Pringle in acknowledgment of the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties. The services of the workers were also acknowledged, and Lodge was closed.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The first meeting of the above Lodge since the vacation was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on the 20th ult. Bros. L. J. Salomans W.M., J. Lazarus P.M. as S.W., De Solla P.M. as J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Mann J.D., N. H. Benjamin I.G., L. Lazarus Steward; P.M.'s Bros. J. Lazarus I.P.M., De Solla, A. Blumenthal, Grunebaum. Among the Visitors were Bros. B. Hart 188, F. Silvester 193, L. Jacobs 1732, M. Alexander P.M. 188, L. Myers 185, E. E. Wendt Grand Sec. for Foreign Correspondence, Samuelson 245 Dublin, Squire 231, Frank Elmore 12. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Isidor Mordaunt Sigismund gave a very interesting lecture and dissertation on Freemasonry in general, and in Germany in particular, which was listened to with great attention. At the conclusion Bro. Sigismund was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The W.M. proposed that the best thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. Sigismund for his interesting lecture, and that this compliment be recorded on the minutes; this was seconded by Brother J. Lazarus P.M., and carried unanimously. Brother E. E. Wendt said he felt pleased with the interesting lecture given by Bro. Sigismund. Bro. Wendt likewise made some allusion to the three Grand Lodges in Germany, in regard to the admission and non-admission of members of the Hebrew faith; he hoped this vexed question would eventually be settled harmoniously. Bro. L. Jacobs Treas. also spoke on the subject; the agitation had originated in this Lodge, but no good had as yet resulted. Acceptance of resignation of a P.M. was deferred; it had previously been resolved that a testimonial be engrossed on vellum, and presented to him for the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge, and in token of the high regard and esteem in which he is held by every brother. A proposition was handed in for initiation, and a distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the Lodge, which was then closed. The brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols, that gave great satisfaction. The W.M. genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Frank Elmore delighted the brethren with one of his excellent songs; he was accompanied by Bro. Davis. Bro. J. Lazarus I.P.M. then rose; it was with pleasure he had to propose the toast of the W.M. It was a source of regret that the W.M. had had no opportunity of showing his ability in Masonic working; however, during his year of office he had shown he was the right man in the right place. After a song by Bro. Dr. Chandler, the W.M. replied to the toast; he felt flattered by the kind words of Bro. Lazarus, and regretted he had no work that evening; however, he had done work, and would do it again if required. It was his firm conviction that no brother ought to go into the chair without he could work the three degrees, so that on leaving the chair he might carry with him the good wishes of the members of the Lodge. After Bro. Davis had played a selection on the piano, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. M. Alexander P.M. 188 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 severally responded. The toast of the P.M.'s came next in order; they were a credit to any Lodge, and to them the W.M. was indebted for his position in Freemasonry. Here Bro. Silvester sang one of his humorous songs, and created roars of laughter. Bro. J. Lazarus I.P.M. responded to the toast. The Treasurer and Secretary Bros. Jacobs and E. P. Albert were next complimented, and then the W.M. called on the brethren to honour the Wardens and other Officers. These toasts having been acknowledged, the W.M. said they could not part without proposing the health of Sir Moses Montefiore, who had now reached his 96th year. This Lodge was named after that respected Brother, and he hoped they would drink the toast with all the honours due to it. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Press, for which Bro. H. M. Levy responded for the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and Bro. A. Myers for the *Jewish Chronicle*. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, 20th ult. There

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was an absence of business on the agenda paper; the attendance of brethren was, therefore, not numerous. The following filled their accustomed places:—Bros. J. B. Walker W.M., W. J. Huntley S.W., J. J. Holland J.W., John Frost Sec., F. W. Wardroper S.D., and A. A. Denham I.G. There were also present P.M.'s Bros. George Howick, J. G. Carter, and E. H. Boldy; and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. G. Mitchell, F. Knipler, W. Springett, R. Neal, F. Tucker, and H. J. Newens. Bro. W. A. Blackmore was a visitor, from Lodge 1485. The "refreshment after labour" followed.

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051.—A meeting was held on Monday, 1st Nov., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. Present:—Bros. Geo. Taylor W.M., J. Aldous S.W., J. Vince J.W., J. E. Hannah Treas., H. Longman Prov. G. S. of W. Sec., J. Cutts S.D., J. Stanley as J.D., A. W. Kershaw I.G., A. K. Allinson Tyler; A. Stanley, H. C. Moore E.A. Visitors—Bros. J. Atkinson J.W. 281, A. McRaith 281, W. H. Murray 993, Capt. F. C. Turner 278. Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer; the minutes of last regular meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. H. C. Moore, a candidate for passing, having passed a satisfactory examination, was entrusted and he retired. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Moore was readmitted and passed by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. The Follow-Craft Lodge was closed, and the W.M. gave the lecture on the first tracing-board. Brother Longman feelingly alluded to the serious illness of Bro. Dr. Moore; he was sure the Lodge would desire to express their sympathy with him in his sufferings, and Bro. H. C. Moore promised to convey the kind message to his brother. The proclamations elicited hearty good wishes from the representatives of the various Lodges present, and it was closed in love, peace, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1364.—The second meting of the above, since its removal to the convenient room it at present occupies, at Bro. Richardson's, the Royal Edward, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, was held on Saturday, 23rd ult., Bro. R. A. Wright P.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. Pope and Lorkin as S.W. and J.W., Fieldwick Preceptor, and numerous others. The Lodge was opened at seven o'clock, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. McMillan answered the questions; the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when it was decided the future meetings should be held every Saturday, between the hours of seven and nine, from October to April inclusive, except the third Saturday in each month. It was further agreed that the first ceremony and lecture should be worked on the first Saturday, the second ceremony and lecture on the second Saturday, the third ceremony and lecture on the fourth Saturday, and that should there be a fifth Saturday in any of the months mentioned, the ceremony of installation should be rehearsed. In furtherance of this arrangement Bro. Fieldwick undertook to rehearse the ceremony of installation on the 30th ult., on which occasion there was a large attendance of the brethren.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 25th October. Present—Bros. W. McDonald W.M., Myers P.M. S.W. and Preceptor, Macgregor J.W., Seymour-Clarke Sec., Goddard, Partridge, Kimbell, Robson, Smith, Cohen, Rayner, and Loring. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, was resumed in the first, when the sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—1st, Partridge; 2nd, Macgregor; 3rd, Seymour-Clarke; 4th, Myers; 5th, McDonald; 6th, Myers; 7th, McDonald. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the sections worked by Bros. Kimbell, Myers, McDonald, Myers, McDonald. Lodge was resumed in first degree, when Bro. J. E. Cohen, No. 1556, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was then passed for the excellent manner in which Bros. McDonald and Myers had worked their sections.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd November, at The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Present:—Bros. Cuthbertson W.M., Hepburn S.W. Orme J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Sec., Pitt S.D., Thompson J.D., Kern I.G., and several brethren. Visitor, Bro. Taylor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Couchman candidate. Bro. Cuthbertson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sparrow, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The full explanation of the working tools was also given by Bro. Sparrow. Bro. Buck, 1702, was elected a member. Bro. Hepburn was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed and adjourned.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 19th ultimo. Present—Bros. Weston W.M., Forge S.W., Gibbs J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Osborn Sec., Croger S.D., Jacobs J.D., Greene I.G., and about thirty other brethren. The usual ceremonials were duly observed, and Lodge was advanced a degree, when Bro. Pearcy took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Payn acting as W.M. elect. Lodge was called off and on; Bro. Weston having resumed the chair, the principal business of the evening was proceeded with, by his presenting Bro. R. Pearcy, the esteemed Preceptor, in the name of the brethren of this flourishing Lodge of Instruction, with a handsome clock in black marble case, together with an inscription engraved on a plate in front, testifying their appreciation of his services almost from the formation of the Lodge. In presenting the gift, Bro. Weston said it was with great pleasure he added his testimony to the urbanity and kindness of feeling always exhibited by Bro. Pearcy in discharging his duties; he hoped he might live for many years to look upon the clock as a mark of the esteem of the brethren. Bro. Pearcy replied in a graceful speech, and concluded by thanking the brethren, and assuring them that this mark of their approbation would stimulate him to renewed exertions in the future. Bros. J. Winters of the High Cross Lodge No. 754 and H. W. Alford of the United Strength Lodge 228 were elected members, after which Lodge was closed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 28th October. Present:—Bros. Alex. Jones W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., J. Green J.W., E. March S.D., J. Wells J.D., Johnson I.G., H. E. Tucker Preceptor, E. Woodbridge and J. J. Clarke. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. H. E. Tucker answered the questions leading to 2nd degree, and the Lodge having been advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with the same brother as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a very impressive manner. Bro. Precepter Tucker delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree. Bro. E. C. Porter was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—A meeting was held on 27th October, at the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. F. Hallows W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., C. B. Carter J.W., T. Upward S.D., G. Clark J.D., J. Edwards I.G.; P.M. Bro. Pinder; also Bros. Franklin, Mustart, Webster, and Reed. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mustart candidate. The usual questions were put to Bro. Webster, who offered himself as candidate for the third degree; he was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed. Lodge closed in form.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors on 24th ult., at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, to work the Fifteen Sections. The chair was occupied by Bro. Hemming, the acting Preceptor, whose able assistance to the various brethren deserves praise. Bro. Cleghorn J.D. 1348 occupied the S.W. chair, Burgess J.W., L. Solomons Secretary, L. Jacobs S.D., Birrell J.D., B. Kauffmann I.G., Koester as P.M. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The Sections were then worked:—First Lecture: Bros. Kauffmann, L. Jacobs, Vallentine, Birrell, Koester, Paul, Cleghorn. Second Lecture: Bros. F. Silvester, Burgess, Koester, Cleghorn, Paul. Third Lecture: Bros. Pierdon, J. C. Smith, Sillis. Bro. Lambourn 87, G. Miller 177, Ruysnares 1348, C. J. Scales I.P.M. 1507, and G. W. Knight 1507, were elected members. Bro. Cleghorn S.W. will occupy the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Koester proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which Bro. Hemming had performed the duties of Preceptor, not only on this, but on many other occasions. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Cleghorn was elected an honorary member. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had worked the Sections. The meeting was then adjourned to the following week at the hour of seven.

The annual meeting of the Brunswick Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 48, was held on Wednesday, 20th Oct., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, when the W.M. elect was installed by W. Bro. J. H. Stephens P.M., P.P.G.S.B., assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.J.D., J. Austin P.M. P.G.S.D. England, S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.M.O., E. J. Knight P.P.G.S.D., H. Miller P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, F. Littleton P.P.G.J.D., T. Searle P.P.G.A.D.C., A. R. Lethbridge P.P.G.M.O., W. Amery P.M., R. Lose P.M., &c. The Officers appointed or elected were—Bros. J. W. Trevan sen. S.W., H. MacMillen J.W., C. A. Nicholson M.O., C. Marshall S.O., H. Warren J.O., F. Littleton Treas., J. H. Stephens Sec., J. Master R. of M., R. H. Carter S.D., S. Chubb J.D., G. Southey O., J. Griffiths I.G., T. Worledge S., James Bartlett Tyler. At refreshment after, in the room appropriated for that purpose, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

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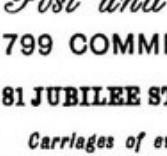
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THE first step rendered necessary by the laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, prior to a discussion as to the advisability of an increase in the present accommodation afforded at this Institution, was taken at the last Committee Meeting, when Bro. Raynham W. Stewart formally gave notice of a motion, to be brought forward at the December meeting, to the effect that the House Committee be instructed to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school house, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accomdate fifty be erected at present. Considering the action recently taken by the Committee of the sister Institution, where, during the present year sufficient additions have been made to allow of an increase of twenty-five in the number of inmates, it is not surprising that such a project as that indicated in Bro. Stewart's motion should be put forward; and while we hail with gratification any proposal which may tend to lessen the number of those whose fate it is to be sent back from the several elections as unsuccessful, we think the Craft should very carefully consider the subject ere they decide on making a permanent addition to the already large amount annually required for our three Institutions. Our views as to the advisability of continual additions being made to the buildings erected by our Charities are well known; but lest any should misunderstand our opposition, we take this occasion to point out some of the arguments we have urged from time to time in support of our views, and more especially we refer our readers to the articles published in these columns last year, when the proposal to purchase Lyncombe House for the Girls' School was before the Craft. Our main argument then was, and is to-day, that those of the present generation who support the Masonic Institutions have no right to pledge the liberality of their brethren of the future to a greater extent than is already done, unless they provide a means by which in case of need—either from national calamity or other unforeseen cause—a reduction may be effected without loss, either of money or position. This, however, it is impossible to effect if all the available funds are devoted to the extension of buildings which entail considerable expense to maintain, and would prove an enormous tax on our resources if, at any time, it were found impossible to provide sufficient funds to carry on the work for which they were erected; while the thought of the loss of prestige which would follow a compulsory closing of a section of one of our Schools is to our mind sufficient to justify any action tending to prevent such a calamity. As matters stand at this moment £40,000 per year will not do more than enable our Institutions to continue the benefits they at present confer, while any addition, either to the number of beneficiaries, or to the property of either, necessarily entails an increase in the minimum required to be subscribed. It is very well for a brother to propose this or that addition, but let him also point out the means by which the necessary funds are to be raised, not only for this or next year, but for the future generally. Freemasonry undoubtedly is very prosperous at the present time, but how long will such a state of things continue? It would not be the first Institution that has collapsed, nor do we imagine there are people so bold as to say that no reverse could affect the good name, reputation, and standing of our ancient Order. Were it absolutely impossible to attain the desired end, without first increasing the accommodation of the Boys' School, we should be the first to support and advocate the proposal now put forward; but such is not the case. The object could be very much better and more cheaply attained by placing at schools in the neighbourhood of their parents' residences as many lads as the funds at the disposal of the Committee might warrant. This way of dealing with the great number of candidates which at present have to be rejected has the great advantage over the course proposed by Bro. Stewart of entailing no outlay for buildings, nor would it leave the Charity with a white elephant, in the shape of unoccupied premises, were it ever found necessary to reduce the number of those taken charge of by the Institution. Moreover, it is a course which every year is becoming more popular in the Provinces, in not a few of which there are now lads whose schooling is being paid for, either by Provincial Grand Lodge, private Lodges, or one or other of the Committees connected with them. Thus it would be easy to ascertain how the system works, even if it were not decided to try it in connection with the central Institution—which, if the funds would allow of such a step, would certainly be the best course to adopt. Let us count the cost. According to the report the average outlay per boy for the 215 in the Institution during the year 1879 was £43 10s 5½d, or for 50 a total of £2,176 3s 11½d, and this without reckoning anything towards cost of land or buildings, which according to particulars given in the same document amounted at the end of 1870 (!!) to £47,116 6s 4d, on which it is at least fair to reckon five per cent. interest as rent. This would give £2,355 16s 4d, or an average on the above number of pupils of £10 19s 1¼d, to be added to the cost of each lad's maintenance, making a total of £2,724 1s 3d for the fifty lads on which to base our calculations, and this is reckoned on the assumption that the cost of a building for fifty lads would not average more than has the one now occupied by 215. This expenditure then represents the annual charge on the funds rendered necessary by providing accommodation for fifty more inmates, and again we ask, Where is it to come from, next year and hereafter? Once having built the School and furnished it, it would become incumbent on the brethren to provide the funds necessary for its maintenance, and if unfortunately that could not be done, what would be the value of the proposed building?—Nil, unless we desire to dispose of it as old building material. Its close proximity to the existing School would render it an unsaleable property; and, so far as we can see, it would have to remain empty until such time as matters improved sufficiently to again warrant the annual expenditure its occupation would require. On the other hand, supposing the above named sum of £2,176 3s 11½d—being the annual cost of maintaining fifty lads in the School, without reckoning anything in the way of rent—were equally divided among [say] the 54 rejected candidates of the last election. It would give to each the sum of £40 6s to be applied towards the payment of their education and maintenance in their respective families; all would reap immediate benefit, and we are sure there is not one of their number but would rejoice. The amount of good that such an expenditure would afford is incalculable. Were this course to be adopted, there would be no necessity for a long wait until premises were erected, no heavy outlay for building, material, and furniture; and should a day of misfortune arise, it would be very easy

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to stop the grants by not filling up the vacancies which from time to time must arise by reason of the pupils reaching the age limit at which they leave the School. We agree with Bro. Stewart that his proposal is good, to a certain extent, but we think the objections we have pointed out far outweigh any advantages which can be urged in favour of more buildings. The trial of outside education and maintenance would at least not cost more than does that inside our own walls, and we think that mode of relieving the wants of our orphans should be attempted before any additions are sanctioned to our already heavy liability.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—II.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

In a previous article I have endeavoured to show that the list of Lodges on the registry of England, shown in the "Dublin Pocket Companion" for 1735—save as regards the Lodge standing 79th in order—*must* have been copied from an English Official List for 1734. Conceding, however, the further possibility of the "Pocket Companion," published in Dublin, having obtained its English Masonic information from the "Pocket Companion" of the same year published in London, an hypothesis almost warranted by the identity of title and similarity of contents, it may be advantageous to examine a little more closely the Lodge lists covering the period over which our inquiry extends. I append a tabular statement, showing the Lodges constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, between April 1730 and August 1735—Nos. 66-133—together with dates of constitution, and of their payments to Grand Lodge in respect of the same.

It will be seen that No. 79, although constituted apparently about the middle of 1731, did not pay the fee of two guineas for its constitution until 21st Nov. 1732, on which latter date, moreover, it was represented in Grand Lodge *for the first time*.

In my "Four Old Lodges," at p 50, under the description of list No. 11, I have shown a list of Lodges for 1730-32, copied from the earliest Minute Book of Grand Lodge, where it is thus headed:—"List of the Names of the Members of all the Regular Lodges as they were returned in the year 1730." The list stops at No. 104, constituted 14th Sept. 1732. My original impression, that the list in question had been continued from 1730 to 1732, may, of course, be a wrong one, and having regard to the protracted interval which elapsed between the date upon which the No. 79 was added to the roll, and the period of payment for its constitution by the *Lodge at the Castle, Highgate*, it is fairly possible that the veritable Lodge at the "Hoop, Philadelphia," may have been the first or original No. 79? Excluding from present consideration, the obvious puzzle of its non-continuance on the list for 1732,* and on later lists so far as they have come down to us, the following facts are worthy of our attention:—

A deputation was granted to Daniel Coxe on the 5th June 1730, and a copy appears in the earliest Minute Book of Grand Lodge, between the proceedings of 21st April and 28th August of the same year.

Daniel Coxe, described as "Provincial Grand Master of North America," was present in Grand Lodge on 29th January 1731.

In the list of 1730-32, extracted by me from the Minute-Book of Grand Lodge, already referred to,* and amongst the members of No. 8 Lodge, meeting at the "Devil" Tavern, appear the names of Claude Crespigny (Master) and Daniel Coxe.

[According to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania] a letter was written in 1754 by a Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, to a Bro. T. Cadwallader, in Philadelphia, in which Bro. Bell states:—

"I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."

The Engraved Lists for 1731-3 are unfortunately missing; consequently, it cannot be positively determined whether at any time during this period a Pennsylvania Lodge appeared on our roll. The early editions of Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected" might indeed aid in solving the mystery. The 1st and 7th editions, published in 1730 and 1737 respectively, contain lists of Lodges, accurately copied from the Engraved Series, and doubtless the intermediate editions would supply us with trustworthy reprints for 1731-36.

Although I cannot believe that an American Lodge ever appeared on our English roll during 1731-32, and for the reason I have so often expressed, viz., the improbability, not to say impossibility, of its paying such a flying visit; still it seems very likely that *a* Lodge existed as No. 79, before that hailing from the "Castle, Highgate."

Amongst the members of No. 79 in the list of 1730-32 appear the names of Thos. Moore Master (Grand Steward 1731), A. Chócke (S.G.W. 1726, Dep. Grand Master 1727), N. Blackerby (S.G.W. 1727, Dep. Grand Master 1728-30, and Grand Treasurer 1730-37), John Bridges, and Claude Crespigny† (Grand Stewards 1732).

Now, it is scarcely possible (except on the supposition that *all* these eminent brethren belonged to other Lodges, or attended Grand Lodge as Grand Officers) that a Lodge so composed could exist for a year and a half without being represented at the Quarterly Communications. Inasmuch, indeed, as Highgate and Hampstead were visited in those days for very much the same purpose as Greenwich and Richmond are now—viz., for feastings and "outings," I incline to the opinion that the Lodge at the "Castle, Highgate," was a "dinner Lodge," established in 1732 by a coterie of distinguished brethren, that it collapsed very shortly afterwards, and that a revival of the Lodge, or more probably a further transfer of the number, occurred in the spring of 1735.

The speculation I have hazarded in my previous article, that the parentage of the first American Lodge which appeared on our English roll *may* have been wrongly indicated in one or more of the official lists, is strengthened by confirmatory evidence.

Bro. Bell's letter of 1754 (*ante*) proves that a charter from the G. Lodge of England, though asked for, was not granted.‡ The deputation granted to Coxe on the 5th June 1730 was to be in force for two years only, consequently his authority had presumably lapsed when the birth of a Boston Lodge (30th July 1733) was announced in this country.

The opinion, on the whole, which seems to me decisive, is, that the Editor of the Dublin "Pocket Companion" copied from the list in the London work bearing the same title, but whether he filled the *vacant* No. 79 by a reference to earlier engraved lists (or otherwise) there is not sufficient evidence to determine.

In pursuing this inquiry, whilst carried to a greater length than I had intended, I find various speculations crowding upon me, which demand further space for their adequate discussion.

Reserving, therefore, my concluding remarks for a third and final article, I claim meanwhile an indulgent consideration of these "fugitive thoughts," which, roughly drafted to serve the purposes of a newspaper article, are designed rather to stimulate further research than to *settle* the extremely difficult point which Bro. Hughan has raised for discussion.

* "Four Old Lodges," p 50.

† Also a member of No. 8 (Devil), along with Daniel Coxe.

‡ Assuming that Daniel Coxe granted a charter in 1730, and that the Lodge so constituted got on our roll in 1731 or 1732, *where* did it migrate to in the latter year?

(The List referred to in the above will be found on the opposite page).

A. AND A. RITE.

Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday evening. The M.W.S. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided, and there were present Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 S.G.I.G.; Bros. J. S. Cumberland H.P., S. Middleton as First General, M. Millington as Second General, A. T. B. Turner R., E. J. De Salis, Pearson, Jackson, &c. Bro. J. T. Atkinson, Selby Lodge, was duly perfected. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Bro. Whytehead Treasurer. Two Auditors were appointed. The M.W.S. thanked Bro. Banister for his attention in coming over from Bradford for the meeting, and for his assistance in working the ceremonies. A letter was read from Bro. Hanly (4th Dragoons), thanking the Chapter for his election as an honorary member. The Chapter was then closed.

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FROM LIST OF LODGES, 1729-39.

No. 1729-39.	Description.	Date of Constitution, English List.	Date of Constitution, Constitutions 1738.	Fee of £2 2s paid for Constitution.
66	Red Lion, Canterbury	April 3, 1730	April 3, 1730	April 21, 1730
67	Castle, St. Giles	1730		
68	Vine, Long Acre	April 28, 1730	April 28, 1730	
69	Bacchus and Grapes, Bloomsbury	May 22, 1730	May 22, 1730	Aug. 28, 1730
70	Lion, Lynn Regis	Oct. 1, 1729	Oct. 1, 1729	
71	Rose, Cheapside	Jan. 26, 1730	June 26, 1730	Jan. 29, 1731
72	E. I. Arms, Bengal	1730		
73	Saracen's Head, Lincoln	Sept. 7, 1730	Sept. 7, 1730	
74	University Lodge, Bear and Harrow*	Dec. 14, 1730		April 21, 1730
75	Rainbow, York-buildings	July 17, 1730	July 17, 1730	
76	Queen's Head, Old Baily	1730	1730	Dec. 3, 1731
77	Black Lion, Jockey-Fields†	Jan. 11, 1731	Jan. 11, 1731	Dec. 3, 1731
78	Fountain, Bury St. Edmunds	1731	1731	
79	Castle in Highgate‡	1730	1731	Nov. 21, 1732
80	Angel, Macclesfield	1731	1731	
81	Fleece, Bury St. Edmunds	Nov. 1, 1731	Nov. 1, 1731	
82	Three Tuns, Newgate-street	Oct. 21, 1731	Oct. 21, 1731	
83	Three Tuns, Smithfield	Dec. 17, 1731	Dec. 17, 1731	March 2, 1732
84	Castle of Antwerp	Dec. 23, 1731	Nov. 13, 1731	Dec. 3, 1731
85	Fountain, Southwark	Jan. 24, 1732	Jan. 24, 1732	March 2, 1732
86	King's Arms, Southwark	Feb. 2, 1732	Feb. 2, 1732	March 2, 1732
87	New King's Arms, Leigh	Feb. 22, 1732	Feb. 22, 1731	
88	Raven and Bell, Wolverhampton	March 28, 1732	March 28, 1732	June 8, 1732
89	Horse Shoe and Rummer, Drury-lane	April 11, 1732	April 11, 1732	June 8, 1732
90	Hotel de Bussy, Paris	April 3, 1732		
91	Sun, Fleet-street	April 12, 1732	April 12, 1732	June 8, 1732
92	King's Head, Tower-street	May 25, 1732	May 25, 1732	June 8, 1732
93	King and Queen, Rosemary-lane	June 21, 1732	June 21, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
94	Oxford Arms, Ludgate-street	June 29, 1732	June 29, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
95	King's Arms, Spittlefields	July 12, 1732	July 12, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
96	White Horse, Ipswich		1732	Feb. 24, 1735
97	New Inn, Exeter	July 11, 1732	1732	
98	King's Arms, Piccadilly	Aug. 17, 1732	Aug. 17, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
99	Hoop and Griffin, Leadenhall-street	Aug. 18, 1732	Aug. 18, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
100	George and Dragon, Butcher-row	Aug. 19, 1732		Nov. 21, 1732
101	Crown, Upper Moore-fields	Aug. 29, 1732	Aug. 29, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
102	Royal Vineyard, St. James's Park	Sept. 5, 1732	Sept. 5, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
103	Royal Standard, Leicester Fields	Sept. 8, 1732	Sept. 8, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
104	Virgin's Inn, Derby	Sept. 14, 1732	Sept. 14, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
105	Bolton-le-Moors	Nov. 9, 1732	Nov. 9, 1732	Feb. 24, 1735
106	Clothworkers Arms	Nov. 15, 1732	Nov. 15, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
107	Turk's Head, Soho	Dec. 12, 1732	Dec. 12, 1732	May 29, 1733
108	Seven Stars, Bury St. Edmunds	Dec. 15, 1732	Dec. 15, 1732	
109	Old Mitre, Salisbury	Dec. 27, 1732	Dec. 27, 1732	May 29, 1733
110	Ship Coffee House	Feb. 2, 1733	Feb. 2, 1733	May 29, 1733
111	Theatre Tavern	Feb. 17, 1733	Feb. 17, 1733	May 29, 1733
112	King's Arms, Tower-street	March 3, 1733	March 3, 1733	May 29, 1733
113	Bear, Bath	March 18, 1733	March 18, 1733	May 29, 1733
114	Fountain, Strand	May 23, 1733	March 23, 1733	
115	Daniel's Coffee House			
116	Harrow and Boar			
117	Stewards' Lodge‖	June 25, 1735		
118	Red Lion, Bury	July 26, 1733	July 26, 1733	Feb. 24, 1735
119	Dog, Stourbridge	Aug. 1, 1733	Aug. 1, 1733	
120	Oate's Coffee House			
121	Crown, Fleet Market	Dec. 27, 1733	Dec. 27, 1733	March 18, 1734
122	Forrest's Coffee House	1733	1734	March 18, 1734
123	Castle, Kingston	1733		March 18, 1734
124	Hamburgh			
125	Swan, Birmingham	1733	1733	March 18, 1734
126	Boston, in New England	July 30, 1733		
127	Valenciennes, in Flanders	1733		
128	Duke of Marlborough	Nov. 5, 1734	Nov. 5, 1734	Feb. 24, 1735
129	Mason's Arms, Plymouth	1734	1734	March 31, 1735
130	Mitre, Mint-street	June 11, 1735	June 11, 1735	June 24, 1735
131	At the Hague	1735		Dec. 11, 1735
132	Fencers, Newcastle	June 24, 1735	1735	
133	The Castle, Aubigny, in France	Aug. 22, 1735		Dec. 11, 1735

* The payment of the fee for a Grand Lodge Warrant seems to have preceded by eight months the actual "constitution" of this Lodge.

† First represented in Grand Lodge, January 29th 1731.

‡ First represented in Grand Lodge, November 21st 1732.

‖ This No., originally filled by the "King's Arms, Master Masons' Lodge, in the Strand," and is so described in the lists for 1734 (Engraved Series, and the *two* "Pocket Companions"), and 1735 (Picart). The Stewards' Lodge is first shown at this No. in 1736, and the fact of a Lodge of 1735 being placed in a vacant No. over the heads of 14 of its seniors affords evidence from which we may infer that a similar "filling" of the No. 79 was possible in 1733-34?

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE PROVINCIAL CHARITIES' ASSOCIATION.

At the late Annual Communication of this Province, at Scarborough, Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. Eboracum Lodge 1611, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, was elected to the office of Provincial Charity Steward, vice Bro. John Thompson P.M., of Hull, who retires after many years of service.

We have been favoured with a copy of the amended Bye-laws of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, and are very pleased to see that the brethren of that Lodge provide for regular support to the Charities. The subscription is very low, and the sums which are annually devoted to the Institutions, in accordance with the Bye-laws, is very satisfactory, when considered in relation to the amount of the payments. We wish the members of some of the London Lodges would adopt a similar rule, and thus render their support to the Institutions regular; a first charge on their receipts, rather than, as is now often the case, leaving it to the chance of there being a surplus. The Bye-law of No. 51 bearing on the subject is as follows:—

"The Masonic Institutions.—The Treasurer shall pay an Annual Subscription, on behalf of the Lodge, of Two Guineas, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, and the like sum to each of the Masonic Schools."

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PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The motion of which Bro. Raynham Stewart has given notice is one that demands the serious attention of the Masonic public. It is, of course, a great misfortune that our Charitable Institutions, no matter how rapidly or considerably they may be enlarged, never seem capable of meeting all the approved demands that are made upon their resources. Within a brief space of time the Girls' School, for instance, has had its premises greatly extended, and the number of its pupils increased fifty per cent. Even now there is litigation pending between Bro. S. Barton Wilson and the House Committee of the Boys' School in respect of the professional charges made by the former as architect of certain additional premises. The two sections of the Benevolent Institution have also been increased until at this present moment there are over three hundred annuitants. It must be remembered that all this has happened within a period not exceeding five years. Yet during all this time there has been no appreciable diminution in the number of claims advanced by brethren, or on behalf of the widows and orphans of brethren, to become beneficiaries of our Charities, except, as in the case of the last October election for the Girls' School, when by the purchase of Lyncombe House and the completion of its fittings, it was found possible to elect all the approved candidates but twelve. But it is morally certain this will only secure a momentary diminution in the number of applicants, as indeed was shown in the case of the Boys' School at the time of the extension I have referred to, when an increase of thirty pupils was sanctioned, and that number was taken on additionally, but, if I remember rightly, at two elections instead of all at once. This increase had the passing effect of diminishing the number of candidates, but, as was shown in October, it was only momentary, as the proportion of applicants to vacancies was, at that election, no less than five to one. Thus, then, stands the case at present as regards our Institutions. In the course of the last five years they have been very greatly increased; yet, except momentarily in the Girls' School, the number of applicants, if not greater than ever, is at least as great. Having broadly set these facts before your readers, let me now direct attention to the proposed extension of the Boys' School.

The motion of which Bro. Raynham Stewart has given notice is, in brief, to the effect that, as it was possible at the October election to elect only sixteen out of an approved list of seventy candidates, steps should be taken as speedily as possible to erect new buildings with the view of accommodating ultimately 150 additional boys, but presently one-third of that number. These boys are to be placed in charge of lady teachers, as their services are to be had on lower and therefore more favourable terms. In fact the proposal is tantamount to one for the establishment of a preparatory school, whence, as the boys grow old enough they will be drafted into the present or what will then be the Upper School. I think this is a pretty accurate and, I hope will be considered as it is intended to be, a fair description of Bro. Stewart's scheme. The plan is a bold one, if not exactly the novelty which some may esteem it, and, in the abstract, like a good many other plans similarly regarded, may be set down as a good plan. But good, bad, or indifferent, it is one which must be carefully weighed in all its bearings. Though a separate and distinct proposal, it cannot be considered apart from the general policy by which the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is regulated. It is indeed a part of that policy, which seems to have commended itself so strongly for some time past to the authorities of both our Schools, and which you, Dear Sir and Brother, have on more than one occasion described as the "policy of extension," as contradistinguished from "the policy of consolidation."

The policy of extension is, doubtless, worthy of high commendation, and so far as it has been adopted of late years I, for one, have seen no objection to its having been followed. It has brought forth good fruit in the shape of the additional service which our glorious Institutions have been enabled to render to the cause of Masonic charity. And if I thought there were sound reasons for its continuance with the same degree of energy as has been latterly exhibited, and with as great success, I should avoid saying anything which was calculated in the slightest degree to prevent its further adoption. But there is a well-known saying as to there being in all things a limit which it is both unwise and inexpedient to overstep; and taking into consideration the great extension which has latterly taken place in the benefits conferred by our Charities, the question very naturally arises, whether it is not incumbent on the Craft to rest a while before they go any further in the same direction, and establish what they have already done on so firm a basis, that no shortcomings in future years will, humanly speaking, be able to affect seriously the solidity of our Institutions. We pride ourselves, and very justly, on the £40,000 which are annually raised on their behalf by the Fraternity; but are any brethren prepared to suggest that twice that amount, or even that amount increased to the extent of one-half only, will be raised with the same facility; or, at all events, that it will be forthcoming year after year, if we stand committed to the provision of so large a sum? I will assume, for the sake of argument, that the Benevolent Institution might steadily increase the amount of the annuities it grants. By comparison with the two Schools, it has a considerable—not by any means an excessively large, yet a considerable—permanent income. The Girls' School, after its recent expenditure and the fresh obligations it has just incurred, will doubtless hold its hand—for a time at all events. But the Boys' School is very far from being as favourably circumstanced as the other Institutions. It is only this year, and after the grand success of its Festival in July at the Crystal Palace, that it has recovered, in respect of its invested moneys, the position it occupied some fifteen or twenty years ago, when the scheme for erecting new school buildings was set on foot. Its permanent income may be set down at less than £800; its responsibilities amount to over £10,000 a-year. In other words, and speaking roundly, there is £1 of income to meet every £10 of liability. Is extension under such circumstances advisable? I trow not. Let the ratio be one to two, and I have too much faith in the munificence of the Craft to doubt its preparedness to see all claims satisfied.

The main ground, I take it, of Bro. Stewart's argument in favour of the additional school is found in the fact that there were only sixteen vacancies last October to be filled by ballot from an approved list of seventy candidates. Am I to regard this in the light of an invitation to assume that he is so modestly inoculated with the sense of gumption as to suppose that the more the number of pupils is increased, the fewer will be the candidates who present themselves for election? If his proposition is acted upon, it will, in the course of a short time, have the effect of adding something like 70 per cent. to the present strength of the School. Will the result of electing annually some fifty instead of thirty candidates have the effect of diminishing proportionately the number of applicants? I say—and I rest my answer on the experience of the last few years—most emphatically—No. There are—I was on the point of saying more—but at least there are as many—applicants now, when the School is 200 strong, as when there were only some 150 or 160 pupils. The reasonable deduction is, that if an attempt is made, now or at any future time near or remote, to emphasise the enthusiasm of the Craft, and make it as permanent as we hope and believe this particular Institution, and in fact all our Institutions, to be, there will still be the same excess of applicants over vacancies. The Craft will become more common, and there will be a large and ever-increasing rush of initiates, when it is once publicly known how easy it is for a brother to obtain for his children the inestimable benefits of a sound and liberal education.

There are several other points in connection with Bro. Stewart's motion on which I should like to offer my opinion, but I am afraid I have trespassed on your kindness too far. At all events, I feel that I must not ask you to accord me further space in the present instance, but I trust you will find a small corner in some future number for the remaining observations which, in the interest of our Boys' School, I feel it my duty to offer for your consideration, and that of my fellow-Masons.

Believe me,
Dear Sir and Brother,
Faithfully and fraternally yours,
EST MODUS IN REBUS.

"FRIENDS, CAN YOU KEEP FROM SMILING?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Hubert, editor of *Chaine d'Union* at Paris, copied in his July No., from *La Semaine de Grenoble*, an amusing story, and asked the question at the head of this paper, viz., "Friends, can you keep from smiling?" This I copy from the *Cincinnati Masonic Review*, and submit to you (somewhat abridged) for the entertainment of your readers.

Father Jandel, a Dominican, preached at Lyons about the cross driving away devils. When the Rev. gentleman left the Cathedral he was accosted by one of his hearers, who told the Father that he was a Freemason, that the devil always presides in a Masonic Lodge, and therefore proposed to put the claimed virtue of the cross to the following test:—"We meet," said the Freemason, "every evening in a certain street, at a certain number: the Demon comes himself and presides over our meetings; come this evening and make the sign of the cross upon the assembly, and I shall see at once if what you have said is true." The Father demanded three days for reflection, which the Freemason granted, and then gave his address to the priest.

Father Jandel thereupon consulted Monseigneur Bonald. The Archbishop assembled several theologians, who advised Jandel to accept the challenge. "Go, my son," said Bonald, "and God be with you."

The remaining forty-eight hours Father Jandel passed in prayer and mortification, and at the appointed hour he presented himself to the Freemason in a layman's suit of cloths, but a large cross was concealed under his dress. They soon reached a great hall, furnished luxuriantly, and so brilliantly lighted up that the eyes were dazed. Little by little the seats in the hall were filled, when all at once the presiding Demon was in the chair. "Behold him," said the Freemason to the Rev. Father. Thereupon the priest took up his cross with both hands, making over the brethren the sign of the cross, when something like a thunderclap extinguished the lights, the chairs fell upside down, and the company fled; and amidst the confusion the Freemason, without knowing how, carried off Father Jandel to a long distance. "The adapt of Satan," then fell upon his knees and cried out, "I believe, pray for me, convert me," &c.

Now, a Freemason may well say, who can help smiling at this monkish superstition? But I think that with equal reason we may ask, who can help smiling at the credulity of a Rev. Lodge Chaplain?

The *Freemason* of 18th September contains an address to the Natalia Lodge, Maritzburgh, by the Rev. G. M. St. M. Ritchie, as follows:—

"Again, Worshipful Master and Brethren (said the Rev. Bro. Ritchie) it is my privilege, as your Chaplain and duly-accredited priest of the Church of Christ, to welcome you to this acknowledg-

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ment of the obligations of religion which devolve on you as members of the most ancient Craft the world is cognizant of. Ever since the establishment of the religion of Jesus Christ, at all events ever since religion and Masonry were brought in contact with each other, our Craft has proved her faithful handmaid. The catacombs at Rome would not have proved the welcome refuge that they did to Apostolic converts had not those who designed and built them made known the secrets of the wondrous galleries and modes of ingress and exit to those persecuted brethren. Then it was that the primal Order of Masters Masons, struck with the fulfilment of our own traditions in the doctrines of Christianity, grafted upon their ancient stock those higher degrees to which some of us have the honour to belong. [Query.—Is it an honour to belong to the high degrees, wherein such *ridiculous nonsense* is taught and believed?] Then it was that the most excellent Order of the Rose Croix, an Order beautiful alike in its allegorical teaching and its impressive ritual; then it was that the Knight Templars banded themselves in holy brotherhood, to rescue from its pagan usurper the Holy City and the Holy Sepulchre within its circuit; then it was that the United Order is said [where is it said?], under St. John's successor in the See of Ephesus, to have established the periodical worship of all the members of the Chapter that could be gathered together.

"But, brethren, I am not led to these remarks with any view of establishing our antiquity, or even of dwelling with pardonable satisfaction upon it. We go back still further in the mist of ages past to trace the foundation of the Craft. Ten centuries before the Christian era, Masonry was a powerful combination of the most artistic, as well as the most skilful and scientific men of all nations, who, with Hiram of Tyre as their architect, and King Solomon as their Grand Master, erected the most marvellous building the world has ever, or ever can, bear upon its bosom. Yes, and thirteen long centuries before even this period, when the Tower of Babel fell into ruins, and the builders thereof ceased, in terrified confusion, to wield either compass or design, or trowel to erect; those who remained with a glimpse of the true religion in their hearts formed themselves into a Society, &c. &c.

"But, it is my most solemn obligation so to blend Christianity with Masonry as to make you realise that, though there are thousands of good Christians outside of our Craft, there can be no perfect Mason among us who is not only a professing Christian, but a faithful Christian also. It is with this end in view, that no Lodge is complete without its Chaplain . . . . Make Masonry the Apostle of Christianity," &c.

It seems that the Rev. Orator was reminded that King Solomon *was never* baptized, so he added the following note:—

"It has been suggested to me that the tendency of the above address is to show that all Masons outside of the Christian Church must necessarily be untrue to the traditions of the Craft. But I had no such intention, believing Masonry to have been established centuries before the Christian era, I am quite prepared to admit it may have a perfect existence apart from Christianity, but it must be understood I was speaking not to Masons at large, but to Lodges of Christian Masons," &c. In other words, the Rev. Brother said what he did not mean, and meant what he did not say, in order to tickle their sectarian prejudices.

The erroneous notions of Rev. Bro. Ritchie about Masonic history and Masonic aims, as displayed in the above address, is mainly due, in the first place, to the legends retained in our Craft ritual, and to the persistence of the Grand Lodge of England in printing annually in her Calendar, the host of pre-1717 Grand Masters, and "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry." Second, the high degrees have further befogged the poor Rev. Brother's intellect. And third, it must be attributed to the natural credulity peculiar to our clerical brethren, coupled with their zeal for Christianising Masonry. As a rule, our clerical brethren believe in the legends of every degree, and in every word that Dr. Oliver has written in his "Antiquities of Masonry." Of course there are exceptions to this rule, as well as to all other rules. But yet, as a rule, our clerical brethren generally make very foolish Masonic orations, and the above oration by Bro. Ritchie is a fair specimen of clerical Masonic oratory. But the question with me is, whether it may not be possible to devise some method for enlightening our benighted brethren at Maritzburg? I first thought of proposing the establishment of a Masonic missionary or tract society. But knowing that Masonic organisations for that purpose would prove abortive if not sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, and knowing that majorities in Grand Lodges are generally opposed to schemes for Masonic enlightenment, I had to give that project up. But yet something must be done in that direction, I will therefore propose the following scheme:—

Bro. Ritchie, in his address, stated, "Three years, brethren, have passed since, with much diffidence, and some fear of failure, it was proposed to institute this special service. There was then but one Lodge in this city where three are now established, each of which is numerically superior to the one of three years ago." It is evident that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is unknown in the Maritzburg region, *wherever that may be*, for I cannot find "Maritzburg" in any book in my possession. I will therefore respectfully suggest to Bro. Morgan, the publisher of this paper, to ascertain at the Grand Secretary's Office the names of the Officers and Past Officers of the three Maritzburg Lodges, and send to each of them a different number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in which Masonic historical questions are discussed. A printed slip, containing the names of those to whom the papers are sent, might be inserted in each copy, with a request to circulate it among the brethren at large for perusal. This would be an act of charity in the first place, for I can really see no difference between the charity of teaching the young and of enlightening the old. And, secondly, remember the Biblical adage, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days," which may without irreverence be applied to commercial success, viz., advertise your wares, and in time you will be rewarded for your outlay. And surely there can be no cheaper way of advertising the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE than by the method above indicated. My suggestion therefore recommends a kind of charity that will truly prove a blessing to receiver as well as to the giver.

To the Rev. Bro. Ritchie send the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 25th September, and call his special attention to the second column of page 214, containing the excellent editorial Review of a French book on the High Degrees. I know indeed that its perusal will no more wean him from his Masonic errors than the rev. editor of *La Semaine de Grenoble* could be weaned from believing in the Father Jandel story. But supposing even that our credulous rev. brother should continue to stick by his errors, it may at least deter him from repeating the folly of publishing similar orations in Masonic papers.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 12th October 1880.

Obituary.

THE LATE BROTHER WILLIAM SMALLEY.

IT is with feelings of deep regret that we have this week to record the melancholy fact that another worthy member of the Craft has been taken from us by the unrelenting hand of death, leaving a void not only amongst the body of Freemasons to which he belonged, but in other institutions with which his name has been long and honourably associated, while his memory will ever be loved and revered. Our Brother William Smalley, the esteemed Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' School, during the whole of a long life carried out in practice a useful, honourable, and benevolent career, and was the foremost promoter of any action which might tend to the advantage and happiness of his fellow creatures. In the homes of the widow and the fatherless children his name was a "household word," and his munificent donations in the cause of charity have built up for him a lasting monument which will never decay, and the name of "Smalley" will be cherished and honoured in those enduring records of his goodness which will never fade, but be preserved gratefully in the heart until time shall be no more. His association with the trade with which he was mainly and most immediately connected began with his birth, and ended only with his death; and with him it may truly be said that he was never weary of well doing, but made it the entire and guiding principle of his life. One or two instances of his munificence need only be cited to show how practically he carried that into effect, for to him it was a real labour of love. In 1863 he made the splendid donation of 1,000 guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' School, in which he himself received his education, and was instrumental in supplementing that gift with £1,300 more, which he handed over at the same time, as ladies' subscriptions in recognition of the noble example he had set on that occasion. Subsequently to that he presented a further donation of 1,000 guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, but in doing this he even eclipsed his former princely gift by supplementing his own with no less a sum than £5,000. These are only a few, however, of the many acts of benevolence which flowed from his generous heart, for in numerous instances he "did good by stealth," and his unostentatious manners and general habits made richer the gifts than ever their money value, and hundreds who now receive a solace in their homes have good reason to bless his name. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, during the Mastership of Bro. Henry Thompson, in 1864, he being proposed by Bro. James Brett P.G. Purs. and P.M., and seconded by our late Bro. William Carpenter P.M., whose literary fame, as the author of "Carpenter's Letters," and as editor of the *Sunday Times*, the *True Sun*, and other papers, is well known. We have the assurance of Bro. Thompson that no one whom it was his privilege to introduce into Freemasonry during that year ever paid a greater amount of attention to the ceremony of his initiation, was more thoroughly impressed with the importance of the step he had taken, or more earnestly endeavoured to carry out, not only in the Lodge, but in his every day life, those noble principles upon which our Order is founded. In consequence of his numerous duties, and the increasing calls upon his time and attention, he was often unable to be in his place in the Lodge, but it is almost needless to say that the tenets inculcated in his mind at his initiation were never forgotten, and he was a subscribing member to his Lodge up to the hour of his death, which took place on the 5th inst., at the offices of the *Morning Advertiser*, in the seventy-first year of his age. He lost his wife about three years ago, and leaves an only daughter, who appears to inherit all the good qualities which endeared her father to all who had the honour of his acquaintance. His loss is one that will never be forgotten.

BRO. THOMAS RANDS.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death, on Saturday last, the 6th instant, after a brief, but very acute, illness of five days, of Bro. Thomas Rands (formerly of Ealing, and of Acton), of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, at the early age of forty-three. Bro. Rands, by his many kindly and excellent qualities, had endeared himself to a numerous circle of friends. In his family he was greatly beloved; as a brother, he was most genial indeed. Few men were more popular than he was in the Lodge which included him among its members. He was buried at Brompton Cemetery on Wednesday, where, in addition to the members of deceased's family, there were present to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory the following Officers of his Lodge—namely, Bros. Blasby W.M., Costelow S.W., Roe P.M., and Gunner S.D. These, at the fitting moment, reverently dropped their sprigs of acacia on the coffin of our deceased brother. We beg to offer to the family and friends of our late Bro. Rands the expression of our sincere sympathy with them at this moment of their great affliction.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

BUT for the occurrence of Lord Mayor's Day on Tuesday, this Lodge would have met as usual, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street; but the festivities of the day on which the City delights to honour its new Chief Magistrate was of necessity a stumbling block in the way of minor celebrations, and the St. Michael's Lodge met at their accustomed hostelry on the evening of the following day—Wednesday. Bro. W. Radcliffe W.M. occupied the chair, and was warmly supported by Bros. Dr. John Waters S.W., Usher Back J.W., C. Greenwood G.S.B. P.M. and Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, W. E. Young S.D., F. J. Hentsch J.D., T. H. Pierce I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. Withers, Jas. Linsdell, D. Drysdale, G. Parsons, and John Laver; Bros. Crapper, Dickson, and Skipp. Visitors—Bros. C. Greenwood jun. J.W. 410, S. P. Carter P.M. (lately) 211, J. B. Stevenson W.M. 1627, W. H. Dempster W.M. 890, J. T. Hiscox P.M. 1420, R. G. Thomas Org. 1602, and J. Pilditch W.M. 1420. Lodge was opened, and as it was a gathering in place of the regular meeting, there was no regular business of the ordinary character, but it became the happy lot of Bro. Radcliffe to present Bros. S. P. Carter and James Linsdell, who had preceded him in the chair of the Lodge, each with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of their respective services when holding the office of W. Master. Bro. Greenwood P.M. Treasurer introduced them severally to the Wor. Master, with a few highly eulogistic remarks as to their efficient services, and the presentation having taken place, Bros. Carter and Linsdell severally acknowledged the compliment paid to them. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet worthy of the Albion. When the cloth was removed, the usual toasts of the Queen and the Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. were duly honoured. Bro. Greenwood responded for that of the Grand Officers, present and past, noting incidentally, and amid much applause, that the Grand Master, whom he had had the honour of attending at the solemn ceremony of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, entered heart and soul into Freemasonry, and lost no opportunity of promoting its welfare to the utmost of his ability. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Withers I.P.M. in cordial and felicitous terms, and appropriately acknowledged. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was passed, enlivened by singing and recitations, to which former, in the character of accompanyist, Bro. Thomas greatly and most artistically contributed. Later, the brethren had the great honour of receiving as their guests Bros. Fowler, M.P., and Waterlow, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and it is needless to say their presence was most enthusiastically greeted. The toast of their health was proposed by Bro. Greenwood Treasurer, and was suitably and most heartily acknowledged by our Bro. Sheriffs.

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE No. 1565.

THE picturesque village of Lymm was *en fete* on Thursday, 4th November, it being the annual meeting of the Lodge. Brethren arrived from surrounding towns and villages, both by rail and road, and the pretty little Lodge room was well filled. An unusual number of Masters and Past Masters were present, and the whole of the proceedings passed off with *éclat*. Punctually at three o'clock, W.M. Parker opened the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Richardson, was then presented, and the ceremony was thereby initiated. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, and P.M.'s placed in the various offices, the ordinary members retired, and the W.M. elect was entrusted. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, Bro. Richardson re-admitted, and installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Being properly "cemented" in his new position, the W.M. invested the I.P.M., and the usual salutations, greetings and proclamations followed. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the ritual was closely followed to the end. The whole of the ceremony, and all the addresses being given by the Installing Master, much to enjoyment of those present. Labour ended, refreshment followed. The W.M. presided, and was well and numerously supported. The viands and wines were of an exceptionally good quality. The toast list was entered upon with spirit, the Chairman fully believing in the truth of the proverb that "Brevity is the soul of wit." The toasts were all well received, and none more enthusiastically than those of the W.M. and the Installing Master. The honours were given most effectively, under the direction of the I.P.M. The music, too, was good, and, from beginning to end, both at labour and refreshment, the same spirit of unity, peace and concord prevailed.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—This popular and prosperous Lodge held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Dr. V. A. Jagielski W.M. presided, and was well supported by a strong muster of his Officers and the members, together with several Visitors. Lodge having been opened, and the programme of business despatched, the brethren sat down to banquet. The usual toast list was gone through most successfully, and, as is invariably the case with this Lodge, the evening's entertainment was greatly enhanced by the brilliant musical efforts, both vocal and instrumental, of several among those present. We must not omit to mention that the Lodge wore the customary ensigns of mourning out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Past Master Moore, whose death took place on the 25th September last.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, when the occasion brought together a very pleasant gathering of brethren. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel Prov. G. Organist, who was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead as I.P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., J. S. Cumberland P.M. Prov. J. G. Warden as J.W., R. W. Hollon P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, W. H. Porritt P.M. P.P.G.W., W. Lawton P.M. P.P.G. Reg., J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., W. H. Gainforth W.M. 236, C. Palliser W.M. 1337, G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, W. P. Husband Assist. Secretary, M. Millington S.D., J. R. Jackson as J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., O. Marshall Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., J. E. Wilkinson Steward, P. Pearson Tyler, and many other brethren and visitors. Lodge being opened and the minutes read, the W.M. appointed Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland to the Wardens' chairs *pro tem*, and proceeded to open the Lodge in the second degree. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. T. Seller) was then presented, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The Lodge was raised to the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bro. G. Balmford acting as Inner Guard. The Installation was then completed, and Bro. Seller was duly greeted and congratulated. The Board was then closed, the brethren re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted and greeted in the three degrees successively. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Geo. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., Rev. J. Blake Chaplain, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Assist. Sec., A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blenkin J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. M.C., J. R. Jackson Assist. M.C., O. Marshall Organist, W. J. Girling I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, J. E. Wilkinson and W. B. Dyson Stewards; Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. was appointed Preceptor. The Installing Master then gave the address from the West. Bro. Whytehead gave the charge to the Wardens, and Bro. Cumberland that to the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, then thanked the brethren for their support during the past year, stating that the condition of his health would not allow him to remain for the banquet, so that he should not have another opportunity that evening of expressing his thanks. Bro. T. B. Whytehead was elected as the representative of the Lodge in the Provincial Charity Association. Bro. Husband presented to the Lodge library a valuable series of books on the Cathedrals of England, also a History of York, for which he received a cordial vote of thanks. Great sympathy was expressed for the S.W. Bro. G. Simpson, who was absent through domestic affliction. A telegram was read from Bro. the Rev. J. Blake, who was detained at home by clerical duties. Congratulatory letters were read from the Prov. G. Master the Earl of Zetland, Bro. T. W. Tew Deputy Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. (Truro), Bro. Peck Prov. G. Secretary, and many other distinguished brethren, after which the Lodge was closed with hearty good wishes. At 7 p.m. the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, well served by their host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M. Bro. J. T. Seller presided, and was supported by the Deputy Prov. G. Master and about 45 Past Masters and brethren. The toast of the Grand Lodge was replied to Bro. J. P. Bell P.G.D., and that of the Prov. G. Lodge by Bro. J. S. Cumberland Provincial J.G. Warden. Bro. Dr. Bell then gave the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, and spoke in the highest terms of the working of the Lodge, as well as its splendid career since the time when he had consecrated it in 1876. The toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters, was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whitehead P.M., who gave prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The J.W. proposed the Visitors, which was responded to by Bro. C. S. Lane P.M. 764. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., Provincial Charity Steward, responded to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and Bro. W. H. Gainforth W.M. 236 replied for "The Sister Lodges." Bro. P. Matthews proposed the Ladies, and Bro. W. B. Dyson responded. The speeches were enlivened by a programme of unusually excellent music, including songs, duets, and glees by the Lodge quartette, under the leadership of the Organist, Bro. O. Marshall. The loving-cup of the Lodge was passed round during the banquet, and the brethren separately pledged the W.M. The health and many happy returns of the day of the Deputy Prov. G.M. was drunk in an old wassail cup of silver (temp. Charles II.), the property of Dr. Bell, and which he had brought for the occasion. The toast list was quite a work of art, and was designed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. It bore a fac simile of an ancient square, found at Limerick some years ago, and bearing a Masonic inscription. A photograph of Lord Zetland occupied the front page, and suitable Masonic poetical quotations followed each toast, whilst the margins were adorned with medallion sketches of the four bars, or gateways, of York. Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. Whitmore York, B. Brown, B. Stephenson, Stubbs, G. Chapman, C. Blackstone, G. C. Lee, G. D. Goodall, J. Tissiman 236, C. Simmonds 236, J. Church 317, C. Blagbro 302, G. Kirby 236, M. Rooke 236, A. M. White 236, J. Wood 178, J. Redfare 236, R. Palliser 1337, R. Hare 1337, G. Garbutt 236, and A. Hanson 236. The excellent manner in which Bro. Padel performed the ceremonies was the theme of universal commendation.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Bros. Powell W.M., Appleton S.W., Pelikan J.W., P.M. Wing Treasurer, Fox Sec., Biddelscombe J.D., Hancock I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Ward answered the questions, and was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Fox worked the second section. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Fox worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture. Bro. Heale, Lodge 45, was elected a member.

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CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THIS Society, which was established as far back as the year 1867, and has in that time won for itself a high reputation, held its first Grand Evening Concert for the present season on Wednesday evening, at the Albion Hall, London Wall. There was a numerous and appreciative audience, and though, in our opinion, the Union has shown itself stronger in former years in the vocal portion of its entertainment, a programme was provided which merited and received the applause of all present. The opening number of the First Part was a Selection from Schubert, arranged by Suppe, and interpreted effectively by the full Orchestra. Madame Clara West followed with Stark's well-known ballad, "Winter Roses;" and then came a scene from Donizetti's "Ugo, Conte de Parigi," with Clarionet Obligato by Mr. Hunter. This was most deservedly applauded. After Mr. Cowell had rendered Mozart's Serenade, "Deh Vieni," in a manner well worthy of his reputation, the Orchestra played Michaelis's March, "The Turkish Patrol," in which are described the approach, passing, and disappearance of a Turkish Military Band. This aroused the enthusiasm of the audience, and though such a result may have been in some measure due to sympathy with Turkey, there can be no question the Orchestra fully merited the applause it received for its faultless execution. Lover's Irish song, "What will you do, Love?" by Madame Clara West; and Haydn's Symphony, "The Farewell," completed the First Part, the latter, like "The Turkish Patrol," being honoured with an *encore*. Part II. included an equally attractive variety, the opening number being extremely well played by the Orchestra. A Selection from "La Traviata," arranged to include Solos for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Cornet, Horn, and Euphonion, by Messrs. Toussaint, Shuckard, Hunter, Snell, Pringuer, Johnson, and Jones respectively, was well received, Mr. Jones's skill on the Euphonion being especially noteworthy. Mr. Cowell sang, "I never can forget," and Madame Clara West, "Sweet Nightingale," and "Pepita," the other numbers falling to the share of the Orchestra. The City of London Orchestral Union is to be congratulated on so auspicious an opening, and especially Bro. Seddon, who fulfilled his part of Conductor with his accustomed energy and skill.

We are pleased to learn that our esteemed brother F. Binckes has promised to preside at the Eighteenth Annual Dinner of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association, which takes place on Monday next, at the Holborn Restaurant. As Masons there are very few of us but who at some time or other are indebted to the care and attention bestowed by the waiters at our banquets, and we hope there are very many of our readers who will have it in their power to aid them in the advancement of their Charity Fund, which we understand is established for the purpose of relieving those of their number, with their families, who, from sickness or other cause, are obliged to make appeals to the generosity of others. Up to the present time a sum of £1,600 has been expended by this Association, which at the present time has in hand a sum exceeding £520; so that it may be imagined the objects for which it is established are recognised as worthy of support. We hope, under Bro. Binckes's presidency, a large addition to the funds will be announced, and that it may be many years before so useful an Association may have a strain on its resources. The Secretary, W. Tolhurst, 446 Strand, London, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any donations.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 26th inst., commencing at 6 o'clock in the evening. Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., Gush S.D. 1541 S.W., Tate S.W. 862 J.W., W. W. Snelling 1541 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Abrahams, Daniel, Kearney, Pelikan, Snelling, Tate, and Gush. Second Lecture:—Bros. Denison, Squirrell, Abell, Larchin, and Snodin. Third Lecture:—Bros. Loewenstark, Creak, and Edwin Storr.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Hallo W.M., Cordingly S.W., Humphries J.W., Follett Treasurer, Wing Secretary, Ball S.D., Brown J.D., H. N. Symons D.C., Jones and H. J. Symons Stewards, Defriez I.G., Steed Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Dunn, Defriez, Moss, Vass, G. G. Symons and Dyer; also Bro. Murrow 1262. Lodge opened in due form and minutes were read and confirmed. The following appointments were made:—Bros. Ball S.D., Brown J.D., Nell I.G., H. N. Symons D.C., Jones Senior Steward, H. J. Symons Junior Steward. Bro. King was elected a joining member, Messrs. Lyon and Heale were balloted for and approved, Mr. Heale was initiated, Bros. Couldon and Ayres were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was adjourned till the first Thursday in December.

The United Service Lodge lately obtained a Warrant, but have not met as yet. It is doubtful whether it will ever work. In Kingston there are five Lodges under English Constitution, and two Lodges under Scottish Constitution.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE BALL.

THE fourth Ball in connection with the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Kensington, and proved one of the most successful gatherings we remember having witnessed. Dancing was kept up till a late hour, to the strains of first-class music, the band being conducted by Bro. Godfrey. The company was very numerous, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We learn that financially the Ball has proved a great success, and we can but express a hope that the fifth annual gathering, which will be held in February next, will prove as remunerative, for the benefit of the Girls' School, as this has done for the Benevolent Institution. The Ball would have been held early in the present year, but the Hall was not then available, having been but just completed. The music provided was all of the most inspiriting kind, but we cannot omit specially to refer to the "Crutch" polka, composed by Bro. Paul Favart, which was performed for the ninth dance; it is described as "a tune to make e'en crutches dance," and, we think, truly; its strains would be sufficient for this purpose, were it by any means possible.

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WE have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. E. G. Thomas, Acting Manager of the Philharmonic Theatre, who has been for many years connected with the theatrical and musical professions, had a benefit on Thursday, on the termination, by mutual consent, of his agreement with the lessee. The programme was an unusually attractive one, and beyond the regular company, Bro. Thomas was most ably supported by M. Chirgwin, the white-eyed Kaffir, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Herr Stumvoll (zither), Mr. Herbert Campbell, and last, but not least, by his old *confrères*, the Mohawk Minstrels. Mr. Howard Paul, and Mr. Sidney Franks were both incapacitated by indisposition from attending as they wished. The house was well filled, especially in the better parts, by a highly-appreciative audience. Where every item in the programme went so successfully, it seems invidious to select any one for especial mention, but the popular burlesque by Frank Hall, entitled "O Jupiter!" in which the Misses Kingsley, Davis, and Pattie Heywood play the leading rôles, was received most favourably, the applause being both hearty and frequent. We must congratulate Bro. Thomas on the evening's success, and express a hope that his next appearance in public will prove equally gratifying to himself and his numerous circle of friends.

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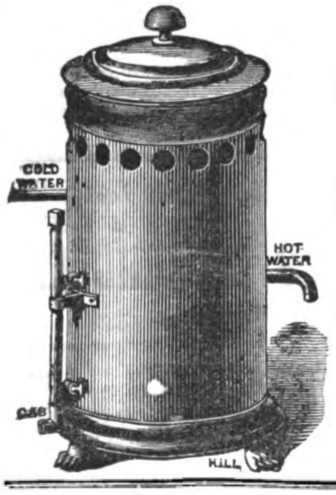
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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. William Roebuck in the chair, A. J. Duff-Filer, G. Bolton, Donald M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, F. Adlard, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Saunders, Leopold Ruf, George Cooper, Thomas Meggy, and Frederick Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Quarterly Court in October, and of the House Committee read for information. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice of the following motion for the December meeting:—"That it be an instruction to the House Committee to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school-house, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accommodate 50 children be erected at the present." He said the reason he should bring forward this motion at next meeting was, the great demand by candidates for admission to the School. Sixteen boys were elected in October, but about 60 were left out in the cold. The Committee would have before them, in a few minutes, another four or five, and still more might come before the list for next April was closed. It was quite clear then that the Institution should do something more for the Craft, which had supported it so liberally. The Institution had reduced the age for keeping the boys at the School—from 16 to 15—and some of the money saving effected by that alteration should be appropriated to the advantage of other children. His scheme was that a building should be erected, capable of accommodating 150 junior boys, but that at present only so much should be built as would accommodate 50. The School might be a preparatory school, separate from the old building, and the children taught by ladies, till 8, 9 or 10 years of age, when they would be drafted into the other School. The employment of ladies would not be so expensive as that of masters, and he thought this scheme would be approved by the Craft. Several brethren expressed their concurrence with Bro. Stewart's views, and the notice of motion for the December meeting was given in. The minutes of the Audit Committee were read for information, and Bro. F. Binckes informed the Committee that the £5,000 authorised to be invested in consols had been invested, the accounts of which he produced. Bro. Binckes also informed the Committee that the special committee appointed to enquire into the allegations with respect to the circumstances of the case of Arthur Collingwood (which have already appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), met that day, at two o'clock, and after a long sitting and due enquiry, adjourned for a month, for the production of further documents. Petitions for four candidates were afterwards examined, and three boys were placed on the list for the election in April 1881. One case was adjourned till January, for better reading. Outfits to the amount of £5 each were granted to five boys, who had obtained situations since leaving the School, and £100 was ordered to be transferred to the Sustentation Fund from the General Fund. The authorisation of the Chairman to sign cheques for accounts, &c., terminated the business of the day.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron and Trustee, (in the chair), Raynham W. Stewart, James Brett, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. G. Dilley, Frederick Adlard, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, J. Newton, John Henry Leggott, Thomas Cubitt, E. J. Barron, W. Stephens, C. H. Webb, Charles John Perceval, A. H. Tattershall, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Atkins, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry announced that Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, would preside at the next Annual Festival of the Institution, to be held on the 23rd of February 1881; also that there were at present 150 Stewards for that Festival, which was fifty in excess of the number of Stewards this time in 1879 for the Festival of the present year. Bro. Terry announced the death of one male and two female annuitants. He had received the papers of the transfer of £300 stock by Grand Chapter to the credit of this Institution. On the 5th ultimo Dr. Adams, of Croydon, presented eighteen fruit trees for the garden of the Institution. On the 2nd inst. Messrs. Hall, of Croydon, sent in 62 sacks of coals. £2,000 was required to be transferred from deposit to current account, in order that annuities and bills might be paid. The Committe ordered this transfer, and also the investment of £1,000. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities, salaries, and bills. Nine petitions were placed on the list for the election next May. Bro. Terry having informed the brethren that he would be happy to receive the names of any other brethren as Stewards for the next Festival, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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WORTHIPFUL MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Many of you will, I fear, consider it somewhat presumptuous on the part of a novice—a novice in the truest sense, being scarcely three months in the Craft—to undertake the arduous task of addressing old and experienced members on a subject with which they are undoubtedly thoroughly versed. I am, however, under the impression that our art—nay, our religion, for such I consider the beautiful tenets of our Fraternity, for are we not taught to glorify and worship the Deity in the purest and simplest manner?—demands our most arduous endeavours to inculcate in the disciple of this our religion not only a desire to dive deeply into the hidden mysteries of our art, but to glean knowledge wherever and whenever it is to be found, and to impart the same—no matter of how mediocre a nature—to others! The basis on which our Order is founded—is it not sublime? The foundation upon which our edifice stands—is it not firm as a rock? Can there be anything grander than the principles inculcated upon every one of us upon first seeing the light of Freemasonry? At our very birth are we not impressed with the fact that we are all equal in the sight of our Creator? When we stride onwards, are not the divine and glorious principles upon which our Order rests—*Truth, Brotherly Love and Relief*—indelibly impressed on us? The first needs no comment. The second is the very essence of our whole fabric. The last—what is there more sublime, aye, more acceptable to the Great Architect of the Universe, than that one man should hold out the hand of friendship, the fraternal grip, the supporting arm, to a brother in distress; to a brother requiring aid? And yet, in this short Masonic career of mine I have met with men—and I must beg you to note that I now refer to men of intellect and of high social standing—who have said to me, Sigismund, I assure you that although I have been twelve years in the Craft, I doubt whether I could enter a Lodge on the merits of an examination, so little do I know, so little do I remember; time did not permit my attending Lodge, and, to tell you the truth, I take but little interest in it. Another has said to me, The time you spend on Masonry is entirely thrown away; it is rot from beginning to end; the whole thing is *effete*. To the former I answered, You resemble a capital lying dormant, bringing no interest to its owner, and doing not the slightest good to any one else. To the latter I said, The Craft would have been richer without such an acquisition as you. I ask you, therefore, ought we not to foster in our young members a love for research, and in every way promote that desire to acquire, as well as to impart knowledge? Even amongst us here are there not many who are tolerably good Masons for the short time they spend in the Lodge, but much better Masons, far more assiduous, in the degree which usually follows? I mean the *knife and fork* degree. I now come to the subject of my dissertation. During a recent ramble on the Continent, a strong desire arose within me to see something of our brethren at Breslau. I learned that a Lodge would meet on a certain day, when the ceremony of initiation would be gone through. I presented myself, and was admitted.

(Here followed a description of the working, which, for obvious reasons we omit.)

Might we not emulate our Continental brethren in many things. Some of you will perhaps say, to emulate them would be an error—nay, a weakness. Granted—but do you not know the beautiful words of Horace: "*Vellem in amicitiâ sic erraremus et isti Errori nomen virtus posuisset honestum.*" I would that we erred in a similar way where our friends are concerned, and that virtue would give to this kind of weakness some honourable name; but I will not, my brethren, reverse the picture. It is with a sad, sad heart that I approach a very painful subject. At the Lodge I visited at Breslau I asked, are all denominations received here as members? Oh, yes, was the response, this is *confessionalhaus*—all confessions are received here, except Jews. Even in this country, my brethren, the horizon is not always bright and clear; clouds, although slight and insignificant ones—but nevertheless clouds—are occasionally to be met with. Well do I remember, at the banquet given upon the occasion of my initiation into the Craft, the brother who sat by my side—an Officer of the Grand Lodge—alluding to a few remarks of mine in reply to the toast of the Brother Initiate, said, I thank and congratulate you, my brother, upon the excellent speech you have made; I am sure that you are a good Christian, otherwise you could not have made so good a speech. My brother, of course, meant to pay me an *undeserved* compliment. Notwithstanding these shadows, have we not every reason to be grateful that we are in a country where intolerance is unknown, where a man—no matter what his religious belief may be—if he acts and conducts himself as a man, is treated as such? I feel convinced that my brethren, be they Jew or Gentile, will unite with me in tendering our most heartfelt thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for having cast our lot on these shores. May the Most High continue to keep the Craft under his ægis; may He imbue us with those glorious principles our Order teaches us, and may He guide and lead us in all our undertakings—that we may praise and worship Him! *Glory to the Most High!*

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EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on which occasion Bro. Samuel Smout was installed as Worshipful Master for the coming year. Among those present on this occasion to support the W.M., Bro. E. M. Lander, were Bros. S. J. Parkhouse P.M., E. C. Woodward P.M., Samuel Smout S.W., Rev. E. Darby Reade J.W., George Penn P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., S. Smout jun. S.D., F. Frye J.D., Bartle I.G., W. W. Buckland and J. Woodmason Stewards, R. Schofield P.M. Tyler, and a large assembly of members and visitors. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the ceremony of the second degree was worked on behalf of Bros. C. B. Broad, F. J. Broad, and G. W. Wilkinson, and the Lodge being resumed in the first degree, Mr. P. H. Hardcastle was formally introduced, and received at the hands of the W.M. the benefit of initiation. The next business on the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect, and this was proceeded with, Bro. S. J. Parkhouse officiating as Installing Master. The ceremony was perfectly carried out, and at its conclusion, the W.M. having been saluted, the Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Rev. C. Darby Reade S.W., S. Smout jun. J.W., George Penn P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., Frye S.D., Bartle J.D., Woodmason I.G., Parkhouse P.M. D.C., Wood Steward, Delevante Organist, Schofield Tyler. There being no other business to transact, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before he did so, Bro. Secretary reported that he had received apologies for non-attendance from Bros. Erasmus Wilson, Shadwell H. Clerke, and others, and then proceeded to recount various items of news, having reference to members of the Lodge. A vote of condolence was passed to the Senior Warden, who has lately suffered a great loss by the death of his son-in-law, who was amongst those killed by the terrible landslip in India. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a splendid repast was provided by Bro. Linscott, which was done ample justice to by those present. At its conclusion, and after grace, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. With that of the Grand Officers was coupled the name of Bro. Kench, who, in acknowledging the compliment paid to the rulers of the Craft, said he was in hopes that it would have fallen to a more worthy brother to respond to this toast. It was at all times a pleasure to him to have the opportunity of visiting Lodges of Freemasons, and this was especially the case as regarded the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, which he complimented for the ability displayed by its respective officers, but more particularly the Installing Master. Bro. Lander now assumed the gavel, and in hearty terms proposed the health of the W.M. He had great pleasure in proposing the health, long life, and prosperity of Bro. Smout, their W.M. He could fairly say that if the G.A.O.T.U. would bless him with health and strength, he would fulfil the duties of the chair second to none. They all looked upon his efforts for the welfare of the Lodge with gratification, and one and all wished him health to carry out the duties he was so well fitted to fulfil. The W.M. in reply tendered his thanks for the most hearty manner in which he had been received, and also for the proud position he occupied in the Lodge. He hoped to be spared to carry out the duties of his office, for the benefit of the Craft at large and of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in particular. Wishing that during his term of office there would be several initiates, and that generally the Lodge would prosper, he concluded, by again thanking the brethren for their kindness, and for the hearty manner in which up to the present time he had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. E. M. Lander, the I.P.M. He was, they would all admit, a most energetic brother; they had had ample opportunities during the past twelve months of proving his capabilities, and it could not be said that they had found him wanting. He was a man who was ever ready to lend a helping hand to any brother who might call on him for assistance. It was with very great pleasure that he (the W.M.) placed the P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members, on the breast of the I.P.M., and in doing so hoped he, Bro. Lander, would live for many years to be among them to wear it. He also presented to his predecessor an illuminated vote of thanks, which also had been voted by the members of the Lodge. Brother Lander, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind sentiments he had expressed. He looked back upon his term of office as having passed most successfully. He had to thank his Past Masters for the great assistance they had rendered him; he attributed much of his success to the aid they had afforded him. It was a well-known maxim that actions spoke louder than words, and when he that night had placed on his breast the handsome jewel voted by the members, he felt that his efforts had proved successful. He hoped he should live long to wear it, and that it would ever be considered by his family as a token of respect from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and would be handed down as an heirloom. The next toast—that of the Initiate—the W.M. termed the toast of the evening; they were at all times pleased to welcome to the Lodge such brethren as the one they had that night initiated. Bro. Hardcastle responded, with mixed feelings of diffidence and pleasure; he did not hesitate to say that he was a domesticated man, that his greatest pleasure was at home, but he hoped and felt that next to that Freemasonry would occupy his attention. The toast of the Visitors was now given, with it being coupled the name of Bro. Levander. This Brother expressed, on behalf of the numerous guests of the evening, his heartiest thanks for the reception that had been accorded the Visitors. He also explained the pleasure they must have felt at witnessing the working of the ceremonies which had been performed that night. He had seen many installations, had been present at numerous consecrations, and had watched the progress of many Lodges, but he thought none had so much progressed as had the Earl of Carnarvon. As regarded the Charities, he felt he was justified in saying that this Lodge had contributed some hundreds of pounds towards the support of the Masonic Institutions. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, to which Bros. Lander, Murlis, Penn, and Parkhouse responded. This was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary, which Bros. Penn and Murlis briefly acknowledged. The toast of the Charities was proposed from the chair, coupled with the names of Bro. Lander (who will act as Steward on behalf of this Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School), and Bro. Mason (Collector for the R.M.B.I.). Bro. Lander advocated the cause for which he is working most heartily, announcing that his list was started at the Summer Festival in July last, on which occasion the sum of £75 was promised him, and he hoped that a like sum would be added to his list during the evening. Bro. Mason followed. He felt very loth to say a word to stop the flow of charity, or to stay the friendly opposition which was then in progress among the brethren, who were vieing with each other as to who should give their names first in support of the Girls' School. If any one looked down the list of members of the Lodge, they would find nearly every one figuring as a Life Governor of one or other of the Institutions, a fact which in itself proved the great interest the members took in the Charities. The toast of the Officers was next given and duly acknowledged, after which the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors who signed the book were Bros. E. K. Kendall J.W. 10 1635, W. Handover P.M., A. Upperton 913, H. Dehane S.W. 1543, C. Thompson S.W. 1769, E. Arrowsmith S.D. 733, S. J. Bumpress 733, C. Davey P.M. 30, F. Chandler 1656, J. Mason P.M. 1567 P.P.S.G.D. Middx., E. Monson jun. 1194, W. Side W.M. 1507, E. Howard W.M. 181, James Kench G.P., J. McLaren 1805, J. Gillingham 1238, Lewis Bryett W.M. 1828, J. W. Cuff S.W. 1608, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, G. Read P.M. 511, C. J. Biorn 733, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, R. F. Whur 901, R. H. Jackson 733, H. Wilkinson 733, S. Elborn P.M. 511, H. C. Levander 142 Prov. G. Sec. Middx., F. A. Kelly 1524, G. W. Dixon P.M. 1871 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, G. Draper P.M. 1305, Geo. Davis W.M. 167, &c., &c.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THE annual Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth. Lodge was opened at 3.30 by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Colles, when the following Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. H. B. Southwell I.P.M., E. J. Chittey P.M. 1551 1621, J. Stokes P.M. 252 1621 P.P.G.S.W., Worcestershire P.P.G.R. N. Wales and Shropshire, T. Pratt S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Simms J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, Thomas Whitefoot jun. Secretary, A. S. Trevor S.D., E. M. Southwell J.D., John Sewell Organist, A. Pitt and J. H. Cooksey Stewards, E. Cooper I.G., T. Tyler Tyler; T. Whitefoot, C. G. De Lessert, J. S. Vince, J. J. Harris, T. F. Nock, W. L. Southwell, W. Westcott. Visitors—Bros. T. Troman P.M. 252 P.G.O. Worcester, W. Smith P.M. 252, W. Waring P.M. 252, W. E. Walker W.M. 252, G. Morris 252, G. W. Naylor W.M. 560, W. Waldron S.D. 573, J. Dorrell 1163. Minutes of last regular meeting, and Lodge of Emergency held subsequently, were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Installing Master (Bro. Joseph Stokes) to receive the benefit of installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Thomas Pratt was duly inducted into the chair as fifth Master of the Castle Lodge. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. Simms S.W., E. M. Southwell J.W., Hubert Smith Treas., T. Whitefoot jun. Sec., E. Cooper S.D., A. Pitt J.D., P.M. H. B. Southwell D.C., J. Sewell Org., J. H. Cooksey, T. F. Nock, and J. Dowell Stewards, W. L. Southwell I.G., T. Tyler Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the addresses, thus completing the ceremony, which he had rendered throughout in the most impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. next rose to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, assuring him that the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, had been duly appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Dr. A. Colles thanked the brethren in suitable terms for this earnest of their good feeling towards him. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren from their respective Lodges, and a proposal for initiation having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Full justice having been done to the very excellent catering of Bro. Vince, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In replying to the toast of their health, several of the visiting brethren expressed the pleasure they had experienced in witnessing such excellent working as had been shown that evening by the Officers of this young Lodge. During the evening Bro. Troman played several pianoforte solos in an exceptionally brilliant manner. Bro. John Sewell Organist, and Bro. H. B. Southwell also contributed in a marked degree to the evening's amusement by their well-chosen duets for violin and pianoforte. Bros. De Lessert, Dorrell, Whitefoot, Westcott, and other brethren sang some excellent songs, and at an early hour the Tyler's toast brought to a close an extremely pleasant meeting.

BIRTHDAY OF H.R.H. THE GRAND MASTER.

TUESDAY, the 39th birthday of the Prince of Wales, was celebrated at Windsor with customary Royal honours. In the morning, and at intervals throughout the day, the bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church rang merrily, while salutes were fired from the artillery in the Long Walk, and Fort Belvedere, Virginia Waters. The Royal Standard was hoisted above the Guildhall, and many of the houses were decorated with flags and banners. In the evening, the newly elected Mayor—Mr. George Tuck—and Corporation gave a grand banquet at Evans's White Hart Hotel, Mr. Richardson-Gardner, the member for the borough, being amongst the guests invited to the entertainment. In the afternoon, at Sandringham, the workmen on the Royal estate had a substantial dinner, in which roast beef and plum-pudding bore a prominent place. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and the rest of the guests attended the dinner, and the health of her Majesty was drunk with great enthusiasm, as also was that of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemason,s'Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockpor
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Anniversary Festival, at 6.30
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne

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343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn. Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 6. Annual Banquet
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton, at 4 (Installation)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R.C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its annual supper on Tuesday evening at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. A goodly company assembled, among whom were Bros. Ferry, Moss, Hollands (Secretary), Daniel, Roberts, Loins, Kearney, Haynes, Maidwell, Brown, Brown jun., Butler, Fisher, W. W. Morgan, Caton, Chicken, Rich, Walker, Simmonds, Shadler, Clements, Ellis, Watkinson, and Soutar. The opening of the Lodge was merely of a formal character, and when the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a repast which reflected the greatest credit on Host Maidwell, who had evidently spared no effort to make his guests of the Prosperity as jovial as possible. When ample justice had been done to the viands, the cloth was removed and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with fervour. Others followed in due course, the order that is commonly observed being departed from on this occasion in order to make room for that of the "Masonic Press." With this was associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the Freemason's Chronicle, who was greatly complimented on the tone and character of his journal, and especially on sundry articles which have recently appeared in its columns in denunciation of the unfortunately too common practice of what is known as "Trading on Masonry." The toast was warmly acknowledged by Bro. Morgan, who thanked Bro. Ferry for the terms in which he proposed, and the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had received it. The health of the W.M. was drunk in a bumper, and Bro. Ferry was at a loss for suitable terms in which to express his acknowledgments. The rest of the programma, which was interspersed with recitations and songs, by Bro. Morgan and others present, having been brought to a happy completion, the brethren rose and separated. We may mention that in connection with this Lodge has been recently established a Life Governorship Association, which already numbers seventy-five brethren, who among them have taken a hundred and three shares. Bro. Ferry is President, Bro. Daniels Vice-President, Bro. Brown Secretary. The Association meets on the fourth Tuesday in every month, in connection with the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction. Be it added, in conclusion, that on the occasion we have just described, the chair was filled by Bro. Ferry as President, Bro. Moss making a very efficient Vice-President, and Bro. Daniel being equally successful as Past Master. The services of Bro. Hollands as Secretary were highly appreciated.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 26th October, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Present—Bros. L. Norden W.M., H. J. Phillips S.W., J. Da Silva J.W., A. N. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, A. Abrahams J.D., J. Gartley I.G., E. J. Ward W.S., D. M. Davis 1017 acting as Org.; P.M.'s W. Littaur, M. I. Emanuel, S. W. Harris, H. M. Harris, I. P. Cohen and A. Bassington, ; Bros. Loewe, T. Houghton, Richmond, A. Cohen, Boas, E. H. Norden, &c. Visitors—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Thomas Fenn P.G.S.D., Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.W. Herts, Charles Hunt P.M 194, Joseph Hammond S.D. 564, G. Chivers 901, John Syer S.D. 1017, D. M. Davis 1017. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot took place for the admission of Messrs. A. L. Gartley (son of the I.G.) and R. J. Paton, which proved unanimous in their favour; they were initiated in due form, and in a manner that reflected the highest credit on the W.M. Having dispensed charity to some deserving cases, the Lodge was closed, when the brethren sat down to a banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. A. Cohen, at which the W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.S.D. for the Visitors. Bro. P.M. A. M. Cohen responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, and recommended brethren to establish Benevolent Funds in their Lodges. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Some excellent singing was given by Bros. G. Chivers, H. J. Phillips S.W., J. Da Silva J.W. and E. H. Norden.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Brecon. Present:—Thomas Butcher pro W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treas., E. H. Teale Assist. Sec., John Morgan S.D., Rhys Davies J.D., E. T. Edwards and A. Orlopp Stewards, Jas. Jones Tyler; Past Master Bro. Richard Webb. The ceremonial business of the evening was the raising of Bros. S. Lewis and Morgan Powell Williams.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 2nd November. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Webb P.M. S.W., F. Brasted J.W., Polak S.D., Hand J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington Preceptor, and C. Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Dallas, Brand, Allen, Finch, Catlin, Macklin, Wardell, Dignam, Christian, Moss, Giller, Williams, Lardner, Quay, Carr, Fieldwick, Glass, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Wright 1524, Leoffleur 1524, Danby 1056, Quigly 222, Munro 1524, Garbett 1178, Mann 1017. After formally opening the Lodge, and reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: First Lecture—Bros. R. Dallas, C. Smyth, Wardell, Clark, M. Christian, Fieldwick, Webb. Second Lecture—Bros. Polak, Moss, F. Brasted, Lardner, and Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. F. Carr, J. Lorkin, and W. Wallington. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. R. Olley 1524, Edwards 1287, and Floyd 452, were elected members. After the labour of the evening, Bro. P.M. Wallington, the Preceptor, on behalf of the brethren, presented the W.M., Bro. C. Lorkin, with a small silver jewel, bearing on it an inscription, eulogistic of his merits as a worker of the Fifteen Sections. We may mention that Bro. Lorkin may be considered one of those to whom "Disciple's" caustic remarks are not applicable. He neither murdered the Queen's English, nor misplaced his H.'s. The working, in which he was ably assisted by the brethren, was conducted in a quiet but dignified manner. Our brother is not an old Freemason, but is a constant attendant at this and other Lodges of Instruction, and the present occasion was the second time of his presiding at the working of the sections here. Hence the occasion was considered specially appropriate for the presentation of this mark of the esteem and good feeling in which he is held by the brethren.

On Tuesday, 9th instant, Bros. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Clark S.D., Hand J.D. Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas.; also Bros. Dignam, Dallas, Edwards, and Brasted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards candidate. The same brother then answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

[The remarks made by our correspondent "Disciple," seem to have been the theme of general conversation in several of our Lodges of Instruction. We trust in all cases they will be accepted in the spirit in which the writer assures us he penned them, viz.: with a view to advance the best interests of Freemasonry.—Ed. F.C.]

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday last. Present:—Bros. W. H. Myers Preceptor, J. Robson W.M., Goddard S.W., Kimbell J.W.; also Bros. McDonald,

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Loring, Brevetor, Seymour-Clarke Sec., and others. Lodge was opened, and Bro. McDonald having been questioned and entrusted, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second and third sections of the lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Goddard having been elected W.M. for Monday next (at 8 p.m. sharp), the Lodge was closed in due form. An early and full attendance is requested for Monday, when the third ceremony will be rehearsed.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street. Present:—Bros. Blenkhorn W.M., Sanders S.W., Holness J.W., Sparrow Sec., Hunter S.D., Cuthbertson J.D., H. T. Thompson I.G., and several others. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fountain candidate. Bro. Sparrow gave the lecture on the first tracing board. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Taylor S.W. of The Great City Lodge was elected a member. Bro. Saunders was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th inst, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Present:—Bros. Albert Martin W.M., E. Seale S.W., J. W. Allen J.W., M. S. Larlham Treas., F. J. Tims Sec., W. Holland S.D., W. G. Cannon J.D., G. Taylor I.G., J. Parkinson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. L. Green, E. Clark; Bros. Wells, Oliver, Pratt, Richardson, Waterman, Harrison, Hugall, Maclean, and J. J. Allan. Visitors—Bros. C. Smith P.M. 1441, Earney J.D. 511, Stevens P.M. 1425, Ohren J.D. 452, Whiddington 1827, Holt P.M. 253, Bull 1624, Sloman 1624, Watts P.M. 507, Masson 627, Walker 1558, Batty P.M. 22, Maddick 171, Knight-Smith I.P.M. 1441, Coe P.M. 1339. The business comprised the installation of S.W. E. Searle as W.M., by Bro. P.M. Larlham, by whom the charges were ably and impressively delivered from the various pedestals. The W.M. having invested P.M. Larlham as Treasurer, duly appointed his Officers, and invested them with the jewels of their office, as follow: Bros. J. W. Allen S.W., Holland J.W., Tims Secretary, Taylor S.D., Cannon J.D., Wells I.G., Hugall S., Parkinson Tyler.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 7th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bro. N. Vallentine occupied the chair, Burgess S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., Silvester S.D., Birrell J.D., L. Jacobs I.G., Hemming Preceptor. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees very perfectly and impressively. The 1st, 4th, and 7th sections of the 1st lecture were worked. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Vallentine for his able working. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned to the following week, at seven o'clock.

Old England Lodge, No. 1790.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Crescent-road, Thornton Heath, Croydon. Bro. W. Foulsham I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland officiated as W.M., in the absence of Bro. Buckworth; Bros. Sheadd P.M. as S.W., Daniel P.M. as J.D.; there were also present Bros. Pascall J.W., Whittaker S.D., W. P. Robinson Secretary, Sergeant I.G., Bavin Tyler, and Bros. Baber, Gates, White, Rawson, J. M. Gillingham, T. Young, and T. Astington. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. These contained a proposition, which was duly carried at the previous meeting, that the night of Lodge meetings be changed from the first Thursday in the month to the second Monday. Messrs. Robert John Smith and F. T. Redpath having been ballotted for and elected unanimously, were presented for initiation, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. T. Astington also answered the interrogations previous to passing, and the Lodge having been advanced, he was re-introduced, and passed to the second degree. Bros. Gates and Sherefeld were then questioned in the usual form, and, on being entrusted, retired. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and on the re-admission of the brethren named they were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Later on one gentleman was proposed for initiation, and a brother as a joining member. The W.M. expressed his gratification at the progress the Old England Lodge was making. Although only in its second year, it had received a goodly number of members, and notwithstanding the expenses which had necessarily been incurred in founding the Lodge, and in providing the necessary regalia and furniture, he was proud to say that the members were in the happy position of being nearly free from debt. This was due to the forbearance and self-denial of the members, who had abstained from the creature comforts which might otherwise have been participated in. Although he had the permission of the W.M. to invite them to a humble spread, to inaugurate their alteration of the night of meeting, at the next Lodge he must ask them to continue to practise a little more self-denial, in order that they might complete the furnishing of their Lodge, and make it worthy of a visit from any member of the Order. Old England Lodge was a creation of his own, aided by six brethren. It had been fairly launched on the troublous sea of Masonic life, and the founders were grateful, not only for the success which had attended their Lodge, but also for the kind forbearance and zealous co-operation of the members. Lodge was then closed in due form.

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SCOTLAND.

Cryptic Masonry.—At a meeting of Delegates from the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Scotland, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 4th instant, the following Illustrious Companions were unanimously elected the first Office Bearers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Scotland:—Captain Charles Hunter 32 (Past Prov. Grand Master Aberdeenshire East) M.P. Grand Master, John Crombie 30 (Past Grand Senior Warden Aberdeen City) R.P. Deputy Grand Master, James Dalrymple Duncan 30 (P.S.G.M. Glasgow) R.P. Grand Principal Conductor of Work, George Dickson, M.D., 31 R.P. Grand Treasurer, Robert S. Brown 30 R.P. Grand Recorder, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D., R.P. Grand Chaplain, James Todd Stewart 30 (Past Grand Senior Warden Glasgow) R.P. Grand Captain of the Guard, Edward Savage 31 (P.D.G.M. Aberdeen City) R.P. Grand Lecturer, Francis Law 30 (Grand Jeweller Grand Lodge of Scotland) R.P. Grand Marshal, James Webster 30 R.P. Grand Marshal, James Melville R.P. Grand Steward, William Edwards 30 R.P. Grand Steward, Alex. Robertson Grand Sentinel.

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James Dalrymple Duncan	T. Ill. Master
James Todd Stewart	R. Ill. Dep. Master
George Miller, C.A.	R. Ill. Prin. Cond. of Work

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 6th Oct., at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields. Present:—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., A. Yockmonitz Treas., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., D. Van Ulsen D.M., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, R. C. N. Laing I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; Bros. R. C. Partridge, J. Creewel, C. J. Allen. Visitor—Bro. Charles La Reine, Union Lodge. Lodge opened in first degree, when Bro. Sec. read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Richard Giddy Lodge, appointing the W.M. of Peace and Harmony Lodge an honorary member of their Lodge, during his year of office. After some accounts had been read and passed for payment, an application was handed in from Mr. Alfred Cohen to become a Freemason; an application was also read from Bro. Elia Marks to become a joining member. The W.M. stated that he had received a communication from Bro. C. J. Barnes, apologising for his unavoidable absence. Bro. Creewel next answered the questions satisfactorily, and retired. The Lodge was advanced to the 2nd degree, when the candidate was re-admitted, and passed in a most efficient manner by the W.M. Bro. Creewel, after thanking the W.M. for the honour he had conferred upon him, retired. The Lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, and Bro. R. C. Partridge was affiliated. After a collection had been made for the poor the Lodge was reduced and closed, when the brethren departed in "peace and harmony."

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LODGE QUARTERS.

FROM an extract from the *Portsmouth Times*, which appears elsewhere in our columns, it will be seen that the authorities of Grand Lodge are strongly opposed to the meeting of Lodges in hotels and taverns. Our contemporary, in speaking of the grant of a Warrant of Constitution to the William of Wykeham Lodge, No. 1883, Winchester, and the near approach of its consecration, informs its readers that originally "it was intended that the new Lodge should be held at the George Hotel, but it seems that objections exist in Grand Lodge to granting Warrants to new Lodges if held at hotels." For this reason the Prov. Grand Master, instead of pressing Grand Lodge to issue its warrant, very wisely suggested that the proposed new Lodge should elect to meet at the Masonic Hall, and the suggestion having been accepted by the founders of the William of Wykeham Lodge, the Warrant has been issued, and the Lodge will be constituted in due course at as early a date as possible. Now the resolution above referred to as having been adopted by Grand Lodge, indicates a very important change of policy on its part, and one which, as involving somewhat momentous consequences to the Craft, seems to demand some passing consideration at our hands. It must be obvious to every member of our Society that it is most desirable every Lodge of Freemasons should have quarters of its own, if its finances will allow of so desirable a consummation. In the event of this being out of the question, its next best course is undoubtedly to endeavour to find its local habitation in some private hall or an Assembly Rooms. Even the most enthusiastic admirers of what is known as "the fourth degree" must admit that it is desirable the work of our Lodges should be kept as distinct as possible from the necessary, if most agreeable, task of satisfying the appetite. Some men live to eat, but the wiser and more sensible among us eat to live, and the association of the Philosophy of Freemasonry with the everyday life of a public house may do something towards elevating the latter to the dignity of a Masonic Hall, but it cannot be said to add lustre to the fair fame of the Craft. It is true that on examining the earliest extant Lodge lists we shall find that our Lodges were almost without exception in the habit of meeting at taverns, and many of the localities in which these taverns were situated were even then of somewhat dubious respectability. This, however, must be set down to the fact of there being few, if any, places of a private character where our brethren could meet. Even Grand Lodge had no abiding place of its own, and its Communications were held sometimes at the more renowned hostelries of the time, and sometimes in the halls of our City Companies. But there are many Masonic Halls now standing in the metropolis, and in most of our large Provincial towns. Elsewhere Town Halls are available for the gatherings of the Craft, and in addition are to be found many other appropriate places for the same purpose. Wherever then there are available Masonic or other Halls, we think it a wise policy on the part of the Grand Lodge authorities to insist on new Lodges at all events taking up their quarters in them. We must not lose sight of the fact that our system of Masonry was not started for the purpose of benefiting the tavern or hotel keepers, though the services of the latter may be as necessary to Masons as to others among Her Majesty's lieges. It may be, of course, that a Masonic Hall is not adaptable for the purpose of a Masonic banquet, in which case doubtless an adjournment will take place to the nearest refectory, be it either a tavern, hotel, or even the more common public house. No very serious amount of hardship, or inconvenience is likely to follow from such a plan. Under any circumstances, however, we hold it to be both expedient and desirable that in the cities and towns which are fortunate enough to possess Masonic Halls, Grand Lodge should make it a rule, requiring such new Lodges as it may think proper to constitute to hold their meetings on premises especially set apart for the purposes of Freemasonry. Thus in the case of the William of Wykeham Lodge, the City of Winchester has its Masonic Hall, and what more reasonable than that Grand Lodge should regard such Hall as being more suitable for Lodge meetings than an hotel?

We do not suppose the authorities of Grand Lodge have resolved on issuing warrants only to such Lodges as are prepared to find quarters of their own other than are to be had at hotels or taverns, nor must we be taken as arguing in favour of such a policy. In London, for instance, there are so many Lodges, and they are scattered over so wide an area, that even if there were a dozen Masonic Halls erected in as many central localities, it would still be found impossible to accommodate them all. Nor is there, in our opinion, anything in the slightest degree derogatory to the character of Freemasonry, when we find Lodges meeting in such places as the Albion, Aldersgate-street; Anderton's, Fleet-street; the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street; the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street; the Imperial, Holborn Viaduct; the Inns of Court, Lincoln's Inn Fields; Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; and others we might name, as possessing an equally high character. These are to all intents and purposes as private as any Hall could be, and there is no likelihood that a Masonic meeting at any one of these establishments could ever degenerate into a vulgar or disreputable orgy. Their proprietors and managers are men of too high a stamp to allow anything of a doubtful character to pass unnoticed. The same remarks apply with equal truth to many hotels in our provincial towns—hotels which, for generations, the worthiest and best members of the community have been in the habit of frequenting. For these reasons, we shall be sorry to see anything like an indication on the part of the moving spirits of Grand Lodge to discountenance Masonic meetings at hotels and houses of good repute. While, as we have before said, our system of Masonry was not invented in order to benefit hotel and tavern keepers, it is very certain that we owe a debt of gratitude to them for having placed the needful accommodation at the disposal of our Lodges. What is needed is, that a Lodge shall provide for itself reputable quarters, and these are to be found in all parts of London, as well as in our provincial towns, without the slightest difficulty.

THE GLORIFICATOIN OF FREEMASONRY.

IN reproducing the excerpt from the pages of the *Christian Age*, bearing the above title, we take the opportunity of suggesting to our Christian (?) contemporary that, whatever may be the shortcomings of Freemasons—and Freemasons are but fallible—they are ever ready and anxious to think charitably of all men. They willingly accord to others the right they claim for them-

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selves, the right—within the limits of propriety—of free thought and free speech. They are free thinkers—not in the sense in which the term is ordinarily used, but in its widest and most liberal interpretation. Thus, in respect of religion, they one and all believe in the existence of the Creator, or, to use their own expression, the Great Architect of the Universe; but each of them is at liberty to worship that Creator in the manner that to him seems most fitting. The majority of them are Christians, many are Jews, many Mohammedans, Parsees, and so on through the whole category of religious faiths. In their Lodges they meet on one common ground as God-fearing men, respecting their brethren's belief as they respect their own, and avoiding the discussion of any and every subject which, as being likely to evoke differences of opinion, is at the same time calculated to breed contention and strife. They humbly endeavour to inculcate, practically as well as in theory, the simple truths of morality, by doing unto others as they would that others should do unto them. They do not think that it is a part of their ordinary duty to sneer at those who differ with them. They are not minded to speak evil of people when occasion offers, or, as we regret to say is too often the case, when there is no occasion for speaking of them at all. While they admire a man for his virtues, they deal tenderly with his faults, ever bearing in mind what the poet has so tersely expressed, that "To err is human, to forgive divine." They claim no merit because they conscientiously strive to be God-fearing and neighbour-loving folk, neither do they hold themselves out as possessing any special immunity from the ordinary failings of humanity. They do not regard their system as Christian because it is charitable, for they consider charity is of the essence of *all* religions, and that where there is no charity, there can be no true religion. Masons, in short, try to do their duty in the station of life in which they are placed, and in accordance with the moral and religious light that is in them. If they are not always successful, they have, at least, the consolation of knowing it is their misfortune, not their fault—a misfortune which has been shared by many worthy men in the past, and will be shared by many men in the ages to come. We are not offended with the *Christian Age*, because it has spoken its mind freely on a subject of which it knows but little. We would, however, modestly suggest to its editor that he should make himself acquainted with "the system of Masonry," by reading our Old Charges or Book of Constitutions, before he again proposes to himself to enlighten his readers on either its merits or its shortcomings. As we have not taken upon ourselves the functions of a clerk in holy orders, we are not so presumptuous as to attempt instructing our readers in the mysteries of religion, but we do claim to know something of the Fraternity to which we belong. That being so, we may state that we see nothing inappropriate, or partaking too much of the character of self-glorification in ex-Lord Mayor Truscott's remarks at the Masonic banquet at the Mansion House. Possibly the editor of the *Christian Age* may in time be brought to understand that, how great soever may be his qualifications for enlightening the Christian world as to the truths of Christianity, they do not constitute a sufficient justification of his attempt to instruct his readers in a subject about which, if we take his remarks below as a criterion of his knowledge, he is, to put it as gently as possible, but very ill-informed. He will do wisely to ponder well the simple truth contained in the familiar proverb, "The Cobbler to his Last." The excerpt reads as follows :—

THE GLORIFICATION OF FREEMASONRY.—Is not this thing being carried a trifle too far? Lord Mayor Truscott is a Mason; so is the Prince of Wales. What so natural as that they should meet, give the Mason's grip, dine, and drink together? But is it necessary to talk after the fashion Lord Mayor Truscott has adopted? Why, the great ecclesiastical alliance of the future already exists in Masonry! "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practises the sacred duties of Morality." We are afraid the Order has not always been a promoter of good morals, and are not fully persuaded that it is so now; as to religion, the less said about it the better. But the Prince, as Mason-in-Chief, has laid the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral with Masonic ceremonies; and this must cover a multitude of sins. The Masonic Creed at the consecration of the first stone will hardly harmonize with the Athanasian Creed at the opening of the building itself by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the consigning of some brother Masons, who believe the former but not the latter, to endless torments. The system of the Masons is unique, but it is not necessarily pious; it is charitable, but it is not therefore Christian. Let there be a clear distinction drawn between things that differ. Surely this is not too much to ask in the interest both of clear thought and Christianity. Have our readers ever seen Professor Finney's book on Masonry? Its study would clear the atmosphere which is breathed at Mansion House banquets.

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BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

WHENEVER and wherever my good friend Brother Gould S.G.D. desires my opinion, I always feel bound to respond, though, in the present instance, I must confess that we are all *simply examining a puzzle* without the means of completely solving it. Brother Gould has ably and most fairly stated the *negative* side of the question as to the claim of a Lodge at Philadelphia, U.S.A., being at any time on the roll from 1730 to 1734, as published in the engraved lists of the Grand Lodge of England. The *affirmative* side I have already given, and shall only now refer to points raised by Bro. Gould which require particular consideration.

1. It will be well, however, as preliminary, to note the following *established facts* :—

(*a*) Daniel Coxe, Esq., was appointed Prov. G.M. of "*New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania*" by the Duke of Norfolk M.W.G.M., by Patent dated 5th day of June 1730, *being the first for any part of America.*

(*b*) The Patent empowered Bro. Coxe to "to constitute the brethren (free and accepted Masons) now residing, or who shall hereafter reside in these parts, into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges, *as he shall think fit*," &c.

(*c*) The application for the appointment was made by Bro. Coxe "*and several other brethren*, free and accepted Masons, residing, or about to reside, in the said Provinces."

(*d*) The "*Patent*" gave authority to "the brethren who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or *any* of the said Provinces," to elect a Prov. G.M. "*every other year* on the Feast of St. John the Baptist."

(*e*) The privilege thus given was exercised on June 26th 1732, in Philadelphia, when Bro. W. Allen was chosen Prov. G.M., and appointed Bro. W. Pringle D.G.M. The Wardens chosen were Bros. T. Bonde and Benjamin Franklin. This account of the Prov. G.L. is to be found in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, June 19th to June 26th 1732. This is the earliest printed notice known of the election of a Prov. G.M. in America, and is doubtless the *first* of its kind.

(*f*) In the "Dedication Memorial Volume" (Philadelphia, 1875) is a copy of a letter (still extant) by Bro. H. Bell to Bro. Dr. Cadwallader, of date Nov. 15th 1754, in which the writer claims to be "*one* of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia." He also states that, in "the fall of 1730" they made application to the Grand Lodge of England for a Charter, "*but before receiving it*, heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Prov. G.M.," &c., &c. "*We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted.*"

(*g*) In the *Pennsylvania Gazette* for Dec. 8th 1730, it is stated "*there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province.*"

(*h*) Bro. Benjamin Franklin subsequently became Prov. G.M., and, as Prov. G.M. or G.M., wrote to Bro. Henry Price, Nov. 28th 1734, for a confirmation of the privileges which the brethren of Pennsylvania enjoy, "*of holding annually their Grand Lodge*," &c. He explains that this step was taken because he had heard that Bro. Price's Patent was

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"*extended over all America*," &c.—(*Vide* Bro. McCalla's History of the subject.)

2. These points having been established, I quite agree with "Philadelphos" in his capital letter of the 30th ult., that "Freemasonry undoubtedly established itself in Philadelphia before it did in any other City of the United States." Indeed, until these statements are disproved, I shall not trouble to defend them in any way.

3. The question, however, is, was a Warrant ever granted by the G.L. of England, or by the Prov. G. Master Coxe (which means the same thing virtually), between the years 1730 and 1734, for Philadelphia, and was it ever on the engraved lists? That one or more Lodges were granted by Bro. Coxe is certainly almost proved from the foregoing. Whether he, as Prov. G.M., sent on the notices of Charters thus granted, I cannot say, and do not know who can. Bro. Price, as Prov. G.M. of Massachusetts, granted a Warrant in 1733 to the St. John's Lodge, Boston, and by a notice being sent to London, it was placed in the engraved list of 1734 as No. 126. If the Warrant was paid for in London, we are not aware of any record thereof, and Bro. Gould, after searching to 1738-39, was unable to find any account thereof. It was, however, as we know, duly constituted. In the numeration before 1740, it is evident that No. 79, if granted to a Lodge in England, would be dated (say) 1731. *The numbers* 81 *to* 83 *were of that year.* Brother Gould kindly searched for me as to this matter some time since, and found the payment, noted in the *G.L. Records*, of two guineas, by 79 Castle in Highgate, London, *for a Constitution*. This was on the 21st Nov. 1732, when a Grand Lodge was held, and is carefully chronicled in the "Four Old Lodges," p 82. The author declares it to have been constituted in 1731. I wonder if this really were the case. It may have been occupied by *another* Lodge in 1731, and given to the one at the "Castle" in 1732. At all events, if the "Castle" were the *first* to hold 79, it was late in paying for its constitution, for many of its juniors paid the fee in 1731 and early in 1732. However, assuming that No. 79 was originally granted to the "Castle," London, in Dr. Rawlinson's List of 1733 the number is *vacant*. I quite concur with Bro. Gould in placing this list at 1733 (the *latter part*), and that, in all probability, it is a transcript of one of the engraved lists of 1733. The engraved lists of 1730, 1731, 1732, and 1733 are missing, unfortunately, and so all is conjecture on these points, unless confirmed by the Grand Lodge records. It is also *vacant* in the Engraved List of 1734. That of 1735 is *missing*. Those of 1736-8 have 79 credited to a Lodge at St. Martin's Lane. In the "Four Old Lodges" it can be traced as follows—79 (no date) 1736 List. In 1740 it became 68 and dated 1730! In 1756 it was raised to 42, in 1770 to 35, in 1781 to 31, and in 1792 to 29 (still in London). By our "Masonic Register" it will be found located at Deal in 1814 as 44, and became 89 in 1832, soon after which it again collapsed. 1730 was said to be its date from the List of 1740 down to1832! but it is quite evident that it was not so. There was sometimes more than *one edition of an Engraved List in the same year*. We have seen *two* of 1725, the second issue having four more Lodges added. During the period of 1734 to 1754 there were Pocket Companions published with *Lists of Lodges*. These were, of course, copies mainly of the regular Lists issued by the Grand Lodge. They do not, however, any time say from what edition their Roll of Lodges is taken, and so when they contain Registers of Lodges which are not in the Engraved Lists preserved, all things being equal, it is fair to presume that they were made from Editions now missing. As a case in point, 1734 List of Lodges in "Smith's Companion," has 79 vacant; but in another "Pocket Companion," printed in Dublin for the year 1735, which has a Roll of Lodges for the year 1733-4, that number (79), is filled by "*The Hoop in Water St., in Philadelphia, 1st Monday.*" Now, I have been asked to believe that my discovery of this fact is of no value, and that there never was such a Lodge granted for that City. I answer, *why not?* Admitted that it is a puzzle, it is not the only puzzle as to old Lodges, for on that subject let any one consult the "Four Old Lodges," and they will see it is not even so great a puzzle as some others. Bro. Gould asks me to explain how it is that 79 is *full* in one of the copies, and *vacant* in the other. I *cannot do* so, and apparently *he cannot*, for be assured, if he could he would, whether it favoured his view or otherwise. But though we cannot explain why they differ, that they differ, *there is no doubt;* and therefore why should it not be accepted as fairly probable, if not actually certain, in the light of the foregoing statements, that 79 was for a short while located to Philadelphia, in response to the petition of the brethren in that city, who however relinquished it for the charter given them by Bro. Coxe? Surely, the compiler of the 1735 "Pocket Companion" at Dublin, did not imagine the name of the Inn, the place, and the day of meeting of No. 79? Why should not he be credited with as much consideration as that of the 1735 work, in which the number is left vacant?

I agree with Bro. Gould's able statement of the *negative* view of the subject, but in the absence of evidence, the *affirmative* side is equally as strong, and beyond question has in its favour the fact that in a List of Lodges printed in 1735. No. 79 is located at Philadelphia. I beg to thank Bro. Gould and Bro. "Philadelphos" for their fraternal criticisms, and if it is all the same to them, we will let the matter rest as *not proven* until more facts are discovered.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held in the hall of the Apollo Lodge on Wednesday 10th inst. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Provincial Grand Master, was unable to be present, and in his absence Bro. Reginald Bird, the Deputy Grand Master, presided. He was supported by Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. F. P. Morrell, Past Grand Deacon of England, the Chaplains of the Lodge, and many Past Masters and Past Provincial Officers. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Deputy G.M. read the report upon the various Lodges in the Province and expressed himself satisfied at the progress that Freemasonry was making therein. The Treasurer's report was then read and showed the funds of P.G. Lodge to be in an excellent state. Bro. F. P. Morrell proposed the re-election of Bro. Randall as Treasurer, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Randall has held this appointment for upwards of a quarter of a century. Bro. H. A. Pickard read the report of the Charity Committee, and Charity Jewels were presented to Bros. T. E. Withington 357, J. M. Dormer 340, and S. P. Spiers 340. Bars of the Jewels were presented to Bros. R. Bird 357, Rev. H. A. Pickard 357, F. P. Morrell 357, F. Hedges 478, J. Potts 599, H. R. Cooper Smith 357, Rev. H. Deane 357, T. E. Withington 357, and C. Park 340. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then invested the Prov. G. Officers as follow:—W. Parratt Senior Warden, C. A. Galpin Junior Warden, Rev. S. C. F. Angel Smith Chaplain, T. Randall Treasurer, E. L. Hawkins Registrar, A. Winkfield Secretary, W. N. Glencross Senior Deacon, J. M. Dormer Junior Deacon, H. P. Symonds Sup. of Works, J. J. Callcut and J. Callcut Directors of Ceremonies, W. Whatcoat Sword Bearer, W. R. Bowden Organist, S. Salter Pursuivant, Thomas Eley Asst. Pursuivant, W. P. Ellis, W. Adkins, J. R. Maguire, H. G. W. Drinkwater, E. R. Baynes, and H. M. Humfries Stewards, and G. Norwood and Biggs Tylers.

From an Australian Exchange we learn that:—

"The stay made by the Duke of Manchester R.W. Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts in Hamilton was much shorter than had generally been anticipated. Early on Thursday morning, 16th September, accompanied by Sir Samuel Wilson, the Hon. R. Simson, Mr. T. Skene, Mr. Manson, and Mr. J. M'Kellar, he was driven out to Redruth. There, a breakfast, such as the hostess of the Wannon Inn can so well prepare, was duly discussed, and a visit paid to the neighbouring falls, which, thanks to the recent rains, were seen in all their grandeur. His Grace was not slow in expressing his admiration of them, and like many others have been, was probably surprised upon coming so suddenly on so splendid a waterfall, the contour of the country between Redruth and the precipice not leading a stranger to expect anything like so fine a sight. The Duke returned to Hamilton by the mid-day train, by which he took his departure for Melbourne. It had been expected he would visit Murndal and other properties in this greatly favoured portion of the colony, but this his time would not allow. In fact, there are a great many Pastoral and Agricultural shows and other events taking place, and every district is anxious to secure a visit from a nobleman who has ever taken so active an interest in colonial affairs, and is himself a sheep-breeder of no mean repute. Invitations without number are therefore pouring in upon him. It is, however, to be hoped that before he returns to England, His Grace will be able to make a tour through the country between Hamilton and Casterton. He has expressed admiration at the richness of the pastures through which he has already travelled, but it may be fairly stated he has, as yet, seen nothing that can equal the hills and dales included in the Muntham, Struan, Merino Downs, Murndal, and other estates which could be mentioned.

Our readers will regret to learn that Bro. Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. Eng., of Lancaster, still lies in a critical state. The serious symptoms have not abated, and his condition causes considerable anxiety to his friends.

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MARK MASONRY.

OLD KENT MARK LODGE.

THE usual quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Present:—Bros. Henry Venn W.M., Moon S.W., Rody Date M.O., Mather S.O., J. L. Mather J.O., Soppet D. of C., Dewar Secretary, Pinder Steward, Tanner I.G.; Past Masters Rosenthal and Meggy. Visitors—Bros. Albert P.G.P. and Turquand. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Mordaunt Sigismund was advanced into the mysteries and privileges of this honourable degree. It was unanimously decided to raise the subscription fee from three to four guineas. Two brethren were admitted as joining members. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, in appropriate terms, by the W.M., and duly honoured. The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom and the other Grand Officers, who take so great an interest in this degree, was proposed, and drunk most cordially. Bro. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary replied, in a few happily chosen sentences. The W.M. then gave the health of the newly advanced member, saying that the new brother by his side had quite taken away his breath by the Masonic knowledge he seemed to possess, and the efficient manner in which he went through the ceremony. He felt sure that the Order, and this Lodge in particular, might congratulate themselves on so promising an acquisition. A brother sang an excellent song. Bro. Dr. Mordaunt Sigismund briefly acknowledged the toast, and after thanking the W.M. for the complimentary manner in which he proposed his health, asked whether it was not somewhat remarkable that after making him a *Mark*, he should be called upon to make a re-*mark*. Did the brethren all point their glasses at him because they were such excellent *Marks-men?* His ambition to be raised in this honourable Order arose from the fact that he so frequently came across men who were of *no Mark*. This probably arose from his strong desire to be of *some Mark*. He was somewhat of a traveller—had roamed Eastward. Needless for him to say that he had come across Land-*Marks*, as well as Water-*Marks*. Speaking of Water *Marks*, he visited an island, or rather a number of islands—"the Bride of the Sea"—where he paid his respects to the Lion of *Mark*—the place of *Mark*, and the Church of *Mark*. On continuing his journey he visited the tomb of a *Mark* Aurelius and the Monolith of *Mark* Antony. Returning Westwards, he met with a whole people who highly prized the trade *Mark;* a whole nation, in fact, he found to be extremely partial to *Marks*. Amongst them it is quite a household word now—"Save your *Mark!*" Of course he was not alluding to the German Empire. Oh no! This country can boast of an exalted lady, who is the wife to M.W.G.M.—I presume I am correct in saying that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is a Mark? Upon being answered in the negative, he proceeded to say, "Oh well! if she is not the wife of a *Mark*, she is the daughter of a Den-Mark. He (the speaker), although an American, had no hesitation in saying, and he felt sure that the brethren would all agree with him, that although Her Royal Highness is not a *Mark* herself, she has succeeded in making on the hearts of her future subjects an *indelible Mark!* He now desired his brethren to *Mark him well*. Although but a novice, barely three months having expired since he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, he had the temerity to dive deeply into the hidden mysteries of the Craft and seek knowledge fearlessly. He was sincere and somewhat of an enthusiast; he loved the Order to which he belonged, and with assiduity and fervour he hoped to make *his Mark*. It seemed to him that the Order in which he had just been received was an offspring of the parent Order—a branch of the stem—a chip of the old block; and a fine strong block it was. It reminded him of some glorious old oak, which in the exuberance of her strength and vigour, gave birth to a large healthy family. To his inexperienced eye the whole category of Orders were the legitimate children of the Mother Craft, and should, like dutiful and loving children, cluster and ivy-like entwine themselves around their beloved parent. It is true that most of the affiliated branches enjoy a certain autonomy; none, however, can, or dare, declare themselves independent of their glorious mother. In *her* glory they gloried. *She* throws her benign influence over them all, and casts her reflex on them. They were all aware that it was the hope of reward which at all times sweetened labour. Now *wages* are very good in their way; but what he, and he trusted all the brethren, prized far more, was the approbation of his brethren and mankind in general. He was forcibly struck with the similarity between the various degrees and cadences of their beautiful Order and human life. The candidate is first initiated into the mysteries of this life, in a state of indigence and utter helplessness he sees light for the first time; he then undergoes the dangerous infantile period, till he *passes* into adolescence; then he finds himself superior to the infant, but inferior to the man. One point of the compass is then exposed to his view, and he hangs as it were between two periods. He then emerges into the sublime degree of a man—ripe, mature, and he is free to work with both points of the compass. He then contemplates himself; he is taught to *know himself;* he is a free agent, and it behoves him to lay out his path. Cautious, yet fearless, he stands before his Maker—a man, a *Master;* wherever his road then leads him, he, and he alone, must pave the way. Then arrives a time when he is *advanced;* and this, with perseverance and keeping straight in the path, must result in being *exalted!*—exalted in rank and social position. He (the speaker) had been *initiated, passed,* and *raised,* and, with the assistance of the Great Overseer of the Universe, he hoped in good time to pass through the *Arch,* and be *exalted*. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which they had listened to him, and begged, at the same time, to express his sincere thanks to the brethren who were good enough to propose and second him, he coupled with them the Brother to his right—Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P.; he was not only a brother to the Craft, but ought by right to be styled the *Mother*—to so many members had he given birth. Brother Albert is an antediluvian old fossil, but staunch and true as gold; who is there in the Craft unacquainted with the name of E. P. Albert? He reminded him of a rough unpolished stone of the purest water. The toast of the Past Masters was then drunk, and Bro. Rosenthal P.M., in responding, said, considering that he was the oldest member in that Lodge—the *founder* in fact—he must decline to receive the thanks of the Brother avancé; the new Brother owed him no thanks, since he was sure to cast a lustre not only on the Lodge to which he had been just admitted a member, but on Freemasonry in general. He, an old—a very old Mason—hardly knew what to say to a stripling—a mere boy—a babe in the Craft, who could speak as he had spoken. And, brethren, right well did he say what he had to say. He again asked himself, if the babe can act thus, what will he do. when he grows up to be a man. The Visitors' health was then drunk, and was responded to by Bros. Albert and Turquand. The latter was happy to inform the brethren that a new Mark Lodge of Instruction, of which he was Preceptor, had been opened at the Trocadero, opposite Broad-street Station, where he trusted to see and there welcome all the brethren. To the toast of the W.M., Bro. Venn said it was the first time he had worked in the Master's chair, and he considered that he had not worked to his satisfaction, but trusted to do better upon the next occasion. The Joining Members' health was then drunk, and a Brother from Calcutta replied in a few chosen words. With the Tyler's toast a very enjoyable time came to an end.

HUYSHE LODGE, NO. 91.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ebrington Hall Devonport. There was a good attendance, and after an advancement of a brother of Lodge Fidelity (the ceremony being performed by Bro. Thomas Searle P.M. 100, P.P.G.A.D.C.), Bro. J. R. H. Harris, who had been previously unanimously elected, was installed as Master. This ceremony was also performed by Bro. T. Searle, assisted by a Board of installed Masters, amongst whom were V.W. and W. Bros. John Lynn P.M., P.P.G.O., A. Rowe P.M., P.P.G.D.C., John. Rogers P.M., P.P.G.T., E. Murch P.M., P.P.G.O., J. Baxter P.M., P.P.G.S.D., H. Miller P.M., P.P.G.S.Wks., James Gidley P.M., P.P.G.T., F. Littleton P.G.J.D. On the completion of the ceremony, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Brothers Alexander Rowe I.P.M., R. Ellis S.W., H. Bridgman J.W., R. J. Goodyear M.O., T. Towan S.O., W. Coath P.M., J.O,. J. Lynn Treasurer, H. Miller S. and R. of M., W. Joll I.G., J. Rogers T. The accounts were audited, and a satisfactory balance announced. Simple refreshment in the Lodge-room followed, and the brethren honoured the usual toasts.

JAMAICA.

A SPECIAL meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica was held on the 27th October, for the purpose of nominating a brother to fill the important office of District Grand Master, in the room of the late lamented Bro. the Hon. Dr. Hamilton. One of the largest gatherings of the Craft that has taken place in this island for many years assembled on this occasion. The District comprises eight Lodges, under the English Constitution, namely—Westmoreland, Sav.la Mar, Hamilton, Spanish Town; Friendly, Royal, Phœnix, Sussex and Jamaica, Kingston; and Phœnix, Port Royal. The Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of each Lodge were present. The Lodges have held special meetings, and nominated brethren to be recommended to District Grand Lodge. Five have recommended the Right Wor. Bro. Altamont De Cordova, present Deputy District Grand Master; one has recommended Right Wor. J. W. Whitebourne Past Deputy District Grand Master; two have recommended Wor. Dr. Allan P.M. Jamaica Lodge—a Lodge just two years in existence. There is a strong feeling in favour of the present Deputy Grand Master, but it is deeply regretted that a rumour should have been afloat that the Right Wor. J. W. Whitebourne would not offer himself for the appointment. He is one whom the brethren have always looked up to for advice, and is ever willing to render all the assistance in his power. But if the rumour of his unwillingness to accept the office is correct, no better selection could be made than our present Deputy District Grand Master, who is always at his post, and ready to promote the interests of Masonry. Bro. De Cordova is an old P.M. of one of the first Lodges in this island, and it is hoped every success will follow him. The result is anxiously looked for by the brethren.

Glenlyon Lodge, Kingston.—The ordinary meeting was held on 13th October, presided over by Rt. Wor. J. K. Spicer. This being the night of election of Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Tyler, the Rt. Wor. A. E. Burke Past Prov. Grand Secretary was elected to the chair, this being the third time that he has had the honour of presiding over this Lodge. Bro. J. Pollack was elected Senior and Bro. J. K. Scott as Junior Wardens.

The District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica have issued circulars to the several Lodges in the Province, calling on them to nominate a Brother to fill the important office of District Grand Master. The several Lodges have held special meetings:—The Jamaica on 12th, the Westmoreland on 14th, the Phœnix on 21st, the Friendly on 19th, the Collegium Fabrorum on 19th, the Sussex on 20th, the Royal on 21st. It is reported that the present Deputy District Grand Master's name has been brought forward very prominently, though some Lodges think that the appointment should not take place for some time yet. The District Grand Lodge will meet on 27th, when the report will be forwarded for the pleasure of approval by His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England.

Caledonian Lodge, Port Jamaica.—A meeting was held on 14th ult., when Wor. A. D. C. Levy was elected Master, Wor. D. Berwick S.W., Bros. J. A. Hinselwood J.W., J. Nelson Treasurer, J. A. Hinds Tyler.

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LODGE CHARITY FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last number you have given an extract from the byelaws of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, according to which the sum of six guineas for Masonic Charity is to be annually paid by the Treasurer of that Lodge to the Masonic Institutions. Will you allow me to quote from the byelaws of a very juvenile Lodge—Eboracum, No. 1611—by the aid of which that Lodge has, each year of its existence, had a sum of over ten guineas with which to purchase a vote in perpetuity for one of the Charities, and which sum, of course, increases each year with the growth of the Lodge.

Byelaw 19 is as follows:—

"SPECIAL CHARITY FUND.—Four shillings of the annual subscription of every member of the Lodge and four shillings of every joining and initiation fee shall be set apart for the formation of a Special Fund, which Fund shall annually be disposed of, in whole or in part, by the vote of the Lodge, for the endowment of some chair in the Lodge, or for any other purpose, in connection with one of the three Masonic Charities. The vote of the Lodge on this question shall be taken at the meeting for the election of Master, and due notice thereof, as well as of any motions to be made respecting the disposal of the Fund in question, or any part thereof, shall be given on the summons calling that meeting, and any Brother wishing to bring forward any motion on this subject must forward a copy of the same to the Secretary at least ten days before the meeting in question."

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHITEHEAD, P.M.

TRADING ON MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

11th November 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust your able article of last week on the above subject will have the effect of drawing the attention of the Board of General Purposes to so flagrant a violation of the principles of the most ordinary commercial morality, and if the law cannot compel this wine merchant to give up using the arms of the Grand Lodge of England as his trade mark, that a way will be found of visiting him with some condign punishment in the shape of exclusion or suspension from his rights and privileges as a Mason, if he be one, or by studiously avoiding having anything to do with him or his champagne. Rather would I drink a gallon of "old gooseberry," and let it play "old gooseberry" with my stomach for a whole year afterwards than patronise a tradesman who, under the cloak of charity, has been guilty of such impertinence to our Society.

That men like Bros. Stillwell, Spencer, Kenning, and others should use some Masonic implement or symbol as the emblem of their trade is justifiable. It is their business to provide Lodges with their paraphernalia, and brethren with their clothing and regalia. But what, in the name of fortune, have the square and compasses to do with the sale of Burton ale and sandwiches, claret, or mock turtle? Why, if out walking I feel that I need a slight refection, am I to be annoyed by seeing a parade for trade purposes of those symbols which, as a Mason, I so much respect? There is no special virtue that I am aware of in the liquors or comestibles that are sold by a man who happens to be a Mason, while the chances are that, if I am ass enough to patronise a brother who trades on his Masonry, I shall pay more heavily than in an ordinary place of business. Business is business, and Masonry is Masonry, and the less they are mixed up for trade purposes the better.

Yours fraternally,

NO HUMBUG.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to correct two inaccuracies in the tabular statement published in your last impression (p 323).

1. For date of Constitution, *English* List, read *Engraved* List.

2. The fee of £2 2s paid for Constitution on April 21 1730, which is credited to Lodge No. 74, must, I now think, have proceeded from Lodge No. 63, constituted March 25 1730, whose place of meeting (though at an earlier date) was also the "Bear and Harrow."

The first footnote at p 323 should therefore be cancelled.

The Lodge No. 63 at the "Bear and Harrow in the Butcher's Row,"—so described in List No. 11 of my "Four Old Lodges," p 50—was a very high class one, and numbered amongst its members the Earl of Strathmore *Master*, Viscount Montague (G.M.), G. Rooke and J. Smythe (G. Wardens), Dr. Desaguliers, Viscount Mountjoy (father of the first Earl of Blessington, G.M. of the Ancients), Sir W. Gordon, and Colonels Pitt and Diggs.

The circumstances of this *fashionable* Lodge, constituted March 25 1730, paying for its charter within a month of its formation, is therefore very noteworthy, when we find that *another* highly fashionable Lodge (No. 79), waited for more than a year before discharging this primary obligation.

3. Perhaps I may be excused for again drawing attention to the light which the *second* and immediately following editions of Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected," are calculated to shed upon the subject of early American Freemasonry?

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

GRAND CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you, or any of your readers, explain how it is that the proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, England, are so utterly uninteresting that it seems hardly worth while cumbering your pages with the accounts of the meetings? The number of those present is oftener than not below that of an ordinary Lodge meeting. It seldom happens that any of the more distinguished Companions are in attendance. The business is for the most *nil*, or of the most formal character, such as the approval of the quarter's accounts, and the grant of warrants to new chapters. As regards the latter, the petition is occasionally rejected *pro tem*, on the ground that, according to the laws that govern Grand Chapter, it is premature, as the Lodge to which the proposed Chapter is to be attached has not been in existence the prescribed number of years. Occasionally this law, on due and sufficient cause being shown, is set aside. But even the reports which appear in your contemporary of these Quarterly Convocations would not be worth the space they occupy were it not for the names of those who attend being given, and that is a matter which cannot possibly interest any but the worthy Companions themselves. Believe me, I am not desirous of withholding credit from those who fulfil their duty by attending. Indeed, I know there are many most excellent Masons among them. The Grand Officers, too, are to be congratulated—those, at least, holding rank below that of a Grand First Principal—on their punctuality, seeing how little encouragement they receive from Royal Arch Masons generally. Yet Grand Chapter is in a flourishing condition financially. It does a world of good for our Charitable Institutions, its periodical donations being of a most liberal character. Above all, the Royal Arch is constitutionally the *ne plus ultra* of Freemasonry. May I, Dear Sir and Brother, take the liberty of asking, in the quaint phraseology of the late Artemus Ward—Why this thusness?

Fraternally yours,

BLUE MASON.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

INGOLDSBY JUNIOR.—Your "Ex Cathedrâ; A New Entered Apprentice's Song," is declined with thanks. It is too rudely personal, and too—well, the one reason we have stated for its rejection must suffice.

T. LONGDEN.—A biographical sketch of the late R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe, P. Prov. G.M. Devonshire, will be found in *Masonic Portraits*, First Series, to be obtained at our offices, 23 Great Queen-street, W.C. Price 3s 6d.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, at the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, the 24th instant. Bros. H. J. Lardner S.D. 1623 W.M., G. H. Stephens S.W., W. Fieldwick Preceptor. The following brethren will take part in the working:—Bros. Webb, Laurence, Goodenough, Moss, Davison, Stephens, Greenwood, King, Pennefather, Davis, Butt, Mallet, Tilling, and Perkins.

By the brethren of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 25th November, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. 720 will preside. First Lecture:—Bros. J. Rush, H. Wright, W. Shaw, R. Boby, T. W. Ockenden, C. F. Goodenough, and J. King. Second Lecture:—Bros. J. M. Powell, A. Marvin, G. W. Blackie, H. J. Lardner, and G. W. Saul. Third Lecture:—Bros. H. K. Harris, E. A. Taylor, and H. Sibley.

At the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, on Monday, 29th inst., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Woods J.W. 145 W.M., Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., Docker W.M. 1687 J.W., William C. Parsons P.M. 180 Secretary. First Lecture:—Bros. Mole, Jones, Blundell, Harding, Belfrage, Kidder, and Farwig. Second Lecture:—Bros. Marsted, Docker, W. C. Smith, Watts, and Dairy. Third Lecture:—Bros. Richardson, Lowrie, and Hancock.

At the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, at the Harp Tavern, 19 Jermyn-street, W., on Tuesday, 30th inst. Bros. J. B. Docker W.M. 1687 W.M., C. A. Woods J.W. 145 S.W., A. Cameron P.M. 180 J.W., F. Farwig P.M. 180 Preceptor, F. W. Green 1687 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. F. Green, L. Beck, Hammond, J. J. Smith, A. Cameron, Waugh, and W. J. Burgess. Second Lecture:—Bros. E. J. Scott, J. Hemming, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, and J. Paul. Third Lecture:—Bros. Hancock, Dean, and W. Cleghorn.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Joshua Nunn as President, James Brett as Senior Vice President, C. A. Cottebrune as Junior Vice President, Lt.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., H. G. Buss Assist. G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, Garrod, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Perryman, R. F. Gould, Griffiths Smith, John Constable, S. Rawson, W. Mann, William Clarke, H. Massey, G. P. Britten, William Stephens, James Kench, Charles Atkins, Thomas Cubitt, J. D. Collier, George Burt, S. Lindner, R. Atkins, Charles Dairy, John Docker, J. H. Matthews, W. Ingram, Robert Harrison, P. McCarthy, W. Kipps, George Smith, G. Adamson, W. Groome, A Cooper Bradley, W. T. Clinton, V. Jagielski, George Boulton, Robert Snare, C. H. Köhler, A. W. Fenner, James Squire, J. Henry Smith, E. West, T. R. Marshall, J. Lazarus, Henry B. D. Dunn, Neville Green, William Vandy, W. Sutherland, J. R. Stacey, W. Radcliffe, W. L. Kitson, H. Shaw, Albert Fish, W. H. Dean, John Ledger, John Henry Leggott, J. Perkins, Edward Mackney, James Weaver, R. S. Waylett, Michael Maybrick, James Blyth, H. A. Lovett, Henry Turner, M. D. Loewenstark, M. Rickwood, Thomas Cull, F. C. Wemyss, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, was settled. The Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed grants to the amount of £680 made at the last meeting. On the new list, there were thirty-five cases, of which three were deferred, being incomplete. The other thirty-two cases, were, after a sitting of four and a half-hour's duration, relieved with a total sum of £925, in grants of £100, £75, £50, £40, £30, £25, £20, £15, £10, £5.

THE PROPHET VOLTAIRE.—Our readers are aware that it was not until the year 1877 that the *two* moons that gyrate around the planet Mars were discovered, by Asaph Hall, at the Naval Observatory, Washington. M. Voltaire had, however, long years before that period pointed out the existence of these two moons. In his comic romance, *Micromegas* (the edition before us was published in 1772) we find the following words:—"They describe two moons subservient to that orb (Mars), which have escaped the observation of all our astronomers. I know that Father Castel will write, and that pleasantly enough, against the existence of these *two* moons; *but I entirely refer myself to those who reason by analogy;* those worthy philosophers are very sensible that Mars, which is at such a distance from the sun, must be in a very uncomfortable situation, without the benefit of a couple of moons, &c." To our mind M. Voltaire saw these *two* moons with the eye of reason. It may be argued that this could not be prophesy, inasmuch as M. Voltaire was not a Jew; we do not know, or indeed care, whether he was a Prophet or a Jew, seeing that—without any childish assumption of knowledge unknown to science—we merely record facts that are incontrovertible. We have sought round this whole city for a man of the mental calibre of Father Castel, but in vain; and in the absence of the omniscient Father Platt, of Grace Church, we are loth to hazard an opinion. The Reverend "Prelate" Platt—"who would to Chicago go, whether his wifey was willing or no"—is, it appears, "a minister of the gospel and prelate of the brotherhood;" and, looking at the two columns in the *Alta California* of the 9th inst., wherein he undertakes to enlighten the whole world in regard to Freemasonry, and "the Soldiers of Religion, the Valiant Knights Templar," we feel assured that he is the very man we seek—a profound and most wonderfully big Masonic Bug, always cock-sure about everything in regard to which the rest of mankind is in doubt. His "Eminence's" return is anxiously looked for, by both his fellow-citizens and brother Masons. Some of the latter, deeming it wiser to wash soiled linen at home, remain silent, though much aggrieved that this "Worshipful Christian Knight," this blatherskite ecclesiastical Don Quixote, should, in his *published* discourse, place them before their fellow-creatures in this year of grace as a set of credulous, ignorant idiots. Had this "sublime prelate" eased himself of this discourse in *Lodge*, we should have known how to treat it and him (*with a mild grin*), and have been saved the humiliation of a supposed approval and indorsement of his high-falutin production—a drop of truth in an ocean of slush. We have at heart too much respect and affection for *real* Freemasonry to desire to see it placed in a contemptible and ridiculous light; and we hope that in future our great "Prelate" will exhibit some modesty, and, remembering the existence of our common Schools, "draw it mild," or milder. We know not to whom this discourse was addressed, but we cannot conceive it addressed to Freemasons; it *must* have been intended to amaze the vulgar. There is no denying the fact that the marvellous, with the vulgar, ever takes the place of reason; and that in dealing with the ignorant we must, to carry them with us, always seem to embrace that opinion which is most incredible; but, after all, let us in seriousness ask: *Does Freemasonry require to be "cracked up" in this mendacious manner?* We think not. Our ancient brethren had good reasons for viewing Cowans with suspicion, having always found that a tolerable Divine always made an intolerable Freemason.

The Installation meeting of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, was held on Monday, 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London. A report of the proceedings shall appear in our next.

The annual meeting of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, will be held this day (Saturday) at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 3.30. Bro. B. R. Bryant is the W.M. elect.

We regret that, in consequence of the illness of our representative, we are unable to give a report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, which we promised should appear last week.

THE UNITED WAITERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THE Eighteenth Annual Festival of this Association was held on Monday night, Bro. F. Binckes (Royal Masonic Institution for Boys) in the chair. Despite the heavy rain there was a good attendance. The Association was formed for the purpose of relieving such as might be from some unforeseen calamity or misfortune in sickness or distress, the member having first of all given evidence of his desire to provide for a rainy day by joining the Association. Though a comparatively young institution it has given proof of its vitality by distributing £1,600 in relief among worthy applicants, and accumulating a sum of £520, which it has in hand, as a reserve for the future. The Chairman, in an eloquent speech, advocated the claims of the Association, and trusted that the result of the donations would show they were duly appreciated by the general public. The operations of the Association were not confined to London, efforts having been made successfully to establish branches in all provincial towns, the largest as yet being at Brighton, where much energy and ability were being displayed. The occasion was rendered the more interesting by the presentation of medals to the President and Secretary to mark the members' appreciation of those gentlemen's services. The result of the Chairman's appeal on this occasion was an addition of between £30 and £40 to the fund.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—The annual supper of this Lodge took place on Tuesday evening, at the Moorgate, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather, who was supported by Bro. C. J. Sparrow as Vice-President. Including Visitors, the muster reached forty all told. Lodge was formally opened and closed, and the brethren at once sat down to discuss a well served repast. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Seaman shortly afterwards rose for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening, namely, Prosperity to the Islington and the health of its Preceptor, the President of the evening, Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Seaman spoke in eulogistic terms of the excellent instruction afforded by the Lodge, and, as a necessary corollary, paid a high compliment to Bro. Mather for his ability and assiduity as Preceptor. He further urged upon all young Masons that it was their duty to perfect themselves as far as possible in the ritual as set forth by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He likewise alluded to the many promising students who were indebted for their knowledge of Freemasonry to the able tuition of their President. After a song—"The anchor's weighed"—by Bro. Thompson, Bro. Mather rose and gratefully acknowledged the compliments paid him by Bro. Seaman, and the handsome manner in which the toast had been received by those present. After an allusion to their change of quarters, Bro. Mather remarked that it was very difficult for any one to speak of his own doings; yet he conscientiously felt he had always endeavoured to fulfil to the best of his ability the arduous duties of Preceptor. Occasionally he had been under the necessity of absenting himself from his post, but he had good reason for believing—as, indeed, was evidenced by the heartiness of feeling extended towards him that evening—that any shortcomings of his would be dealt with tenderly out of consideration for his admitted anxiety to perform his work satisfactorily. With the toast of the Visitors were coupled the names of Bros. Morgan and Roberts, who briefly, but appropriately, acknowledged the compliment paid them.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—Held on Monday at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bro. E. W. Walter in the chair. The following brethren supported him, namely:—Bros. Ellingford S.W., Lax J.W., Andrews acting Preceptor, Cross Secretary, Forss S.D., Taylor J.W., Mackenrot I.G., Loane, &c. Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Loane candidate. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Forss worked the first and second sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lax was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 30th inst., and Lodge was closed.

THE LETTER H's PETITION.

"Whereas I have by you been driven
From house, from home, from hope, from heaven,
And placed by your most learned society
In exile, anguish, and anxiety;
And used, without one just pretence,
With arrogance and insolence;
I here demand full restitution,
And beg you'll mend your elocution."

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"Whereas we've reserved you, ingrate,
From handcuff, horror, and from hate,
From hell, from horsepond, and from halter,
And consecrated you in altar,
And placed you where you ne'er should be,
In honour and in honesty;
We deem your prayer a rude intrusion,
And will *not* mend our elocution!"

VERAX.

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THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

This popular troupe of Minstrels intend giving a special entertainment on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, for the purpose of inaugurating the eighth consecutive year of their establishment. During this time their headquarters have been at the Agricultural Hall, and the increased appreciation in which they are held is evidenced by the support they received, not only from the worthy Islingtonians, but likewise from the numerous patrons from all parts of the metropolis who flock to their Concerts. Moreover, their efforts to entertain the public are by no means confined to Islington, and whether they have betaken themselves to the Alexandra Palace, the Crystal Palace, or an east end or other theatre, they have invariably experienced a hearty reception. The troupe is strong in numbers and talent, both vocally and instrumentally. They have an interlocutor in the person of Mr. Harry Hunter, whose contributions to the Mohawks' repertoire of songs are always well received. Mr. Edgar Mowbray (Bro. Percy) is a courteous and considerate manager, while their corner men, eight in number—four bones and four tambourines—include such general favourites as Bro. James Francis, Messrs. Ted Snow, F. Duriah, and W. Freeman, the Brothers Ray, Mr. Diamond, and Little Thomas. An excellent programme may be anticipated.

We have had our attention called to copy of a circular letter from the principal Officers of "the Gael" Lodge, No. 609, Glasgow, in which pecuniary assistance from the general body of Masons is solicited for the purpose of enabling the Lodge to extricate itself from its difficulties. It seems this Lodge was established in order that our Scottish brethren in Glasgow and its vicinity might have the opportunity of learning the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft in their native Gaelic. From various causes, however, "The Gael" has been unable to meet the heavy expenditure it has been obliged to incur, and a considerable debt has accumulated. Hence the present petition, which, however, we are inclined to think will not find much favour south of the Tweed. It was, no doubt, laudable to establish "The Gael" Lodge for the purpose indicated, and our readers will, no doubt, sympathise with its members, who are no longer in as flourishing a state as they were in the years that are past. They will not, however, lose sight of the fact that in England our Lodges have before them the very serious task of providing annually the considerable sum of £40,000 in order to keep our Institutions up to the prescribed state of efficiency. There may be perhaps some brethren who, from their regard for Scotchmen generally and Glaswegians in particular, will be willing to render such assistance as is in their power, while our loyal Scottish brethren, we feel convinced, will not let the opportunity of assisting with their usual generosity what to them must appear so commendable an object. "The Gael" has our entire sympathy, as well as our best wishes, for its successful issue from its present difficulties.

Small Savings by Postage Stamps.—In consequence of the expense involved in receiving very small deposits in Post Office Savings Banks, no deposit of less than a shilling is accepted. As it had been repeatedly urged that the maintenance of this limit placed very serious obstacles in the way of saving by those who could only put aside a few pence at a time, it was stated at the close of last session that a plan was about to be tried experimentally in certain counties which would enable small savings to be effected by the use of ordinary postage stamps. The plan was brought into operation on the 13th September in ten counties situated in different parts of the United Kingdom, and during the seven weeks it has been in operation, the success obtained has been so marked, that it has now been decided to extend it to the entire country. This decision will take effect on Monday, the 15th instant. On and after that day, at every Post Office in the United Kingdom, forms for the making of small deposits in Post Office Savings Banks will be issued gratuitously. Each of these forms, which are about the size of an ordinary cheque, will have twelve divisions, in each of which a penny postage stamp can be placed. When a form has thus been filled with twelve stamps it will be received at any Post Office at which there is a Savings Bank as a deposit of a shilling. During the seven weeks that the experiment has been in operation, more than 14,000 of these forms have been received, and more than 7000 new accounts have been opened through their agency. As the selected counties contain less than one-tenth of the entire population of the country, it may be fairly assumed that if the plan had been applied in the first instance to the whole country, it would, during the period referred to, have led to the opening of more than 70,000 new accounts. The following are the ten counties in which the experiment has been tried, and they are arranged in the order in which it has been most successful in proportion to the population of the respective counties:—Cardiganshire, Ayrshire, Kent, Aberdeenshire, Cumberland, Somersetshire, Norfolk, Leicestershire, Down, and Waterford. The forms, after being received at the local Post Offices, are transmitted to the General Post Office; they have come to hand in remarkably good order, most of them presenting the appearance of perfect newness, and it has not been necessary in a single instance to return any of the forms on account of their being damaged or defaced.

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ST. JAMES'S.—At 8.10, OLD CRONIES. At 8.45, WILLIAM AND SUSAN.
LYCEUM.—At 7.30, BYGONES. At 8.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.
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GLOBE.—At 7.15, DUTCH METAL. At 8.30, LES MOUSQUETAIRES.
CRITERION.—At 8, JILTED. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.
FOLLY.—At 7.45, HESTER'S MYSTERY. At 8.45, THE UPPER CRUST.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8, ANNE-MIE.
IMPERIAL.—At 8.30, BILLIE TAYLOR.
ROYALTY.—At 7, WILD FLOWERS. At 8, BOW BELLS, &c.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, WHICH IS WHICH? At 8.15, DELILAH.
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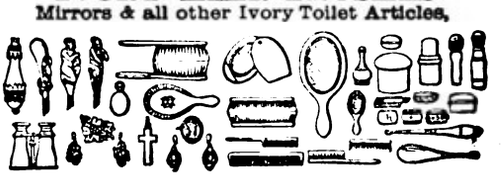
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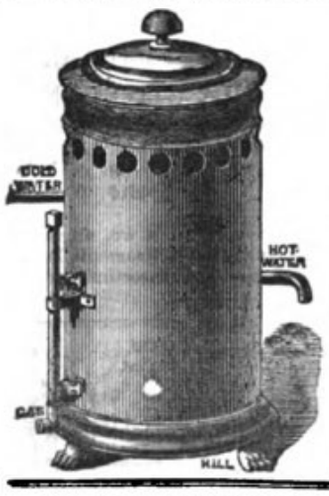
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SHAKESPEARE A FREEMASON.

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IT is said, and evidences of the truth of the statement are not wanting, that elaborate essays have been written, and most satisfactory proof given that Shakespeare must have been a lawyer, a doctor, a soldier, a sailor, an actor, a gardener, a woolstapler, a horse-boy, a glover, a schoolmaster, a publican, a poacher, a tanner, a gravedigger—indeed, if a tithe of the statements made respecting him be true, he must verily have "played many parts," and his "acts" must have numbered considerably over "seven ages!"

We have in our time listened to grave attempts, made with more or less success, to show that he must have been "a Papist," "a Jew," "a spleeny Lutheran," "an ambitious Churchman," "a dissentious rogue," "a heathen philosopher," "a pagan rascal"—in brief he has been trotted out in more characters than we "have thoughts to put them in," or "imagination to give them shape." Passing all these inquiries by, however, not as "unconsidered trifles" but rather as "deserving of high commendation and applause," we propose to consider within the present limits if there is a fair ground for the oft-asserted statement that Shakespeare was a Freemason!—premising, for general information, that we have it not in intention to rake up and produce, as evidence, any "special word," "set phrase," or "certain marks" whereby his brotherhood might unquestionably be established after a fashion and in a manner unfitting for profane ears, but more by reference to such "covert illusions," "hidden meanings," "veiled teachings," and "symbolic illustrations" as may be sufficiently well understood by the initiated, if not by the general reader.

An eminent Freemason, upon the occasion of his installation as W.M. of the "Bard of Avon" Lodge in June 1872, in the course of an admirable address, delivered to a singularly appreciative audience, quoted several passages from the plays of the great dramatist, which, according to his judgment, had not merely a Masonic bearing, but also indicated the possession by the author of very special Masonic knowledge. It was not to be expected that "cabin'd, cribb'd, confined" within the narrow bounds of an after-dinner speech, any more could be done in this direction than simply to offer for acceptance a few illustrations; the aptness and the force of which, and the skill exhibited in their selection, produce in our mind a profound regret that one so gifted, so competent, so thoroughly qualified to deal exhaustively with such an interesting inquiry, should have permitted the handsome volume entitled *Shakespeare a Freemason* to be printed and published, without having given himself the trouble—nay, the gratification—of collecting and accumulating further proofs from the vast stores at his disposal: stores of wealth, which his skilled hand would have found no difficulty in arranging "in order," and with his ready pen, presenting his brethren "in due form" and "cunning manner" with much additional evidence: for "in faith he is a worthy gentleman, exceedingly well read!"

The inquiry is one in which, in our "salad days" when we were "green in judgment," some thirty years ago, we took an absorbing interest—an interest which "age has not withered nor custom staled"; it possessed for us an attractive charm which has not yet entirely left us; for it is, so to speak, the lingering perfume laden with the pleasant influences of the past—*alieni temporis flores*—which has aroused us from the drowsiness engendered by years of apathy and neglect, to accept the challenge of the distinguished brother aforesaid, as conveyed by him in his most instructive and interesting book, to wit—that others should aid this inquiry with their own researches, should lend brotherly assistance to strengthen the evidences and proofs, so as to make them not merely acceptable, but also conclusive.

It is, however, not because we would attribute the fewness of the illustrations in the volume to which we refer, to the

Modesty that has not craft to colour,

or that we have any lurking feeling "in our heart of heart" that the quotations therein given bear somewhat the same comparison with the other subject-matter therein contained, as did Sir John Falstaff's "halfpenny-worth of bread" to the "intolerable deal of sack" therewith associated; but because we have ventured humbly to think "our ancient skill may beguile us" into contributing some small measure of information to the researches of those who have gone before us in the inquiry, and thus it may be "thoughts speculative their unseen hopes relate" "in passages of proof." It is in such a spirit that we have collated and now offer a few illustrations and comments as simply evidences "within the scope of our opinion," in trustful confidence that no dire consequences may ensue between us and our illustrious brother, because it may be said of us in the present instance—

In one line two crafts directly meet.

There can be very little doubt, we think, that the Great Master was intimately acquainted with, and moreover learned in, "the traditions, forms, and ceremonies" which we are accustomed to associate with "Brotherhoods in Cities"; but we desire to avow at starting that we are not among those who insist and declare that he must have been a Freemason simply because of the oft-quoted line in *Love's Labour Lost*—

I will visit thee at the Lodge.

To assume this would be to urge our claim unfairly, to build upon insecure foundation, for it should be remembered that the words thus used were spoken by Armado to Jaquenetta; and, while we have not the slightest objection to admit it to be quite within the limits of possibility that a Freemason's Lodge might have been intended or thought of, it must also be borne in mind there is not a particle of evidence to show that women were frequenters of, or even admitted at all into, Masonic Lodges in those days any more than in our own. One feels more justified in calmly settling down in the conviction that Armado had other intentions in visiting the Lodge than the study of the liberal arts, but this interpretation he might resent as an attempt on our part "to enquire too curiously," so we will say no more about it.

In precisely the same category is the passage in *Titus Andronicus*, where Saturninus, alluding to his brother Bassianus, says—

He and his lady both are at the Lodge.

But there are other references to Lodges which are not open to an objection of this nature, for example—

The Lodge in a Warren,

alluded to by Benedick in *Much Ado about Nothing*; again, in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, where Justice Shallow accuses Sir John Falstaff thus—

Knight, you have beaten my men,
Killed my deer, and broken open my Lodge.

And yet once again, in the same play, when Mistress Quickly issues her directions—

The several chairs of order look you scour,

it is by no means an unfair interpretation that she meant the chairs of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge, which, peradventure, might have been holden at the sign of "The Garter!"

Let us pass on, however, to show how intimate must have been the acquaintance with the administration of a Lodge. In *Taming of the Shrew*, Biondello, in a conversation with Vincentio, makes use of the expression "My old Worshipful Master;" and scattered through other plays are frequent references to "Worthy Masters," "Potent Masters," "Good Masters," "Elder Masters of known honour," and so on.

The allusion "Wardens' Pies" in *The Winter's Tale* is suggestive of pleasant intimacy with the Junior Warden, if not during work, at any rate in his call from labour to refreshment!

"Chaplains" are rather hardly dealt with in *Henry VIII.* as "Teachers of divers and dangerous opinions which are heresies."

The only reference to "a Treasurer" will be found in *Antony and Cleopatra*, but we are given "a Master-Secretary" in *Henry VIII.*, and an allusion to those "who play the Scribe" in *Titus Andronicus*.

Deacons, Masters of Ceremonies, and Organists do not appear to have earned for themselves the privilege of having their names enshrined in any play: perchance as Officers they did not exist. If they did, we feel assured they were not only "Officers fit for the place," but also "Officers of great worth."

We find in *Pericles* mention made of "A Sojourner;" and in *Henry VIII.* we find "Pursuivants;" while in *Twelfth Night*, *King Lear*, *Timon of Athens*, and other plays we discover "A Steward." In this last play we find also a passage which can only refer to Inner Guards—

Employed to guard sure their Master.

And, to conclude, the office of Tyler must of a surety be meant in *Othello*, for to whom but a Tyler could Montano speak when he says—

Guard the door without.

Touching Lodge observances, &c., it would be easy to multiply illustrations. Let us take two or three at random. For example, what more complimentary remark could be made to a skilled Master of a Lodge than

You have made good work, you and your apron men.

Or, again,

You have made fair hands, you and your crafts,

both quotations being taken from *Coriolanus*.

On the other hand, what can be more suggestive of an incompetent Master of a Lodge than the observation of Justice Shallow in *Henry IV.*—

He is not his craft's Master, he does not do right.

In *Much Ado about Nothing* there is a delicious snub to those who are given to the performance or non-performance of their duties "by virtue of their office!" Are there no Dogberrys to be found in these latter days?

What more natural and pertinent inquiry from a Master, say to an unpunctual, unprepared Junior Warden than we chance upon in *Julius Cæsar*.

Where is thy leather apron and thy rule?

How widely different was the estimation in which Masons were held in the old days as compared with our own times may be learned from a line in *Henry VI.*—

The nobility think scorn to go in leather aprons,

Turn to *The Tempest*, and see how differently Prospero thought and spoke—

Mark but the badge of these men,
Then say if they be true.

And touching these same badges it is curious and extremely interesting to note how apt and correspondent is the description often given in *Measure for Measure*—

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Lambskins, too, to signify that Craft
Being richer than innocency, stands
For the facing.

Passing other references to "Aprons, Rules, and Hammers," it will be profitable to examine well the references to Masonic emblems, showing as they do not only a thorough knowledge of the symbolic teaching conveyed, but an equally thorough appreciation of their lessons, which are strengthened and enforced with singular effect and beauty of expression. Turn to *Antony and Cleopatra*. What can be finer, clearer, or more in harmony with Masonic interpretation than Antony's reply to Octavia—

I have not kept my square; but that to come
Shall all be done by rule.

In the same play we learn how the brethren should dwell together in unity—

Should square between themselves
And cement their divisions.

(To be continued.)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

TUESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden (INSTALLATION)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1017—Montifiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1086—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Lancashire Bury,
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R. A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 7.30. (Inst.)
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 6. Annual Banquet
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

A meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, including a sprinkling of members hailing from Luton and other parts of Beds and Herts. The chair was occupied by Bro. Robert Snare W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Pearcy I.P.M., Robert Grigg P.M., Alfred Colston P.M., Robert H. Halford P.M., While P.M., G. H. Patmore S.W., A. H. Hickman J.W., T. A. Winsland P.M. Treasurer, Edward Davies P.M. acting Secretary, H. W. Alford S.D., F. J. Hunt J.D., Geo. Bellott D.C., J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (acting as Steward), J. D. Quartley, Chas. Wm. Butler, H. G. Flaws, James Brown, E. H. Johnson, W. Smith, W. J. Randall, E. Woodman, Vilett Rolleston, John Henry Miller, C. Reepe, H. Woodman, H. Paine, H. Langley, M. Grigg, Joseph R. Green, Max Turner, James Evetts, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. T. H. Bromley P.M. 228, Reginald Turner 177, Henry Faijer P.M. 1840, E. Dodson P.M. 72, and W. Clarke A.G. Pursuivant. Lodge having been duly opened, Mr. Francis Edward Thurland, surgeon, was balloted for and accepted, the nomination having been made by Bro. E. H. Johnson, seconded by Bro. Wm. John Hunter A.D.C. The initiation ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., who delivered the charge with more than ordinary effect. Subsequently Bros. Vilett Rolleston and John Henry Miller were passed: and during the after business the W.M. consented to accept the post of Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a sum of ten guineas being voted from the Lodge funds with which to head his list. The usual compliments having been exchanged, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the well-know excellent style of Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and under the efficient and personal supervision of Bro. Henry Mills. The general arrangements of the evening were admirably carried out by Bro. Sherwill, whose study to promote the comfort and convenience of the party elicited unbounded expressions of satisfaction. Bro. James Marcham made a most efficient toastmaster. The W.M., in proposing the health of the M.W. the G. Master, took occasion to refer to the day of meeting as being the anniversary of the birthday of the Prince of Wales, and no doubt amongst the toasts being drunk at that moment at Sandringham, that of Masonry was not absent from the mind of his Royal Highness. In responding for the Pro Grand Master, Deputy G.M. and G.O.'s past and present, Bro. Wm. Clarke said there was something special in the day of this meeting which required notice at his hands. First, because of its being Lord Mayor's Day, and then its being the Prince of Wales's birthday, which it pleased him to see had been noticed by the W.M. Then they had a Grand Lodge Officer who had occupied a foremost position, not only in the City of London, but in the world, he might say—he meant the Junior Grand Warden of England, the retiring Lord Mayor Bro. Sir Francis Truscott. There had taken place during the last year one or two things which would be placed on the record of Masonic history as incidents of very great importance. He alluded to the laying of the foundation-stones of Truro Cathedral by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the birthplace of the late Lord Mayor; and the Masonic Banquet that was lately given at the Mansion House, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master and a host of distinguished brethren from all parts of the country were the guests of the Junior Grand Warden of England. These were events which would be handed down as of paramount importance in the history of English Masonry in 1880. This was an occasion of interest to himself personally, as this was the first London Lodge he had the honour and pleasure of visiting. Therefore he felt it an unusual source of pleasure to have his name associated with such an important toast. What had occurred this year in Masonry would tend to prove, if need be, not only the increase of the number of Masons, but would send forward into the world the opinion that Freemasons were not what some had been ready to say of them, but that they were a body who had thoughts and feelings for those who unfortunately required their assistance. He felt that Freemasonry was destined to fulfil a far greater position than it did now, and that it would continue to afford help to those who might stand in need of it. The Immediate Past Master, in giving the health of the Worshipful Master, referred, in felicitous terms, to the manner in which Bro. Snare had discharged the duties of his office, and though, by the effluxion of time, he would soon vacate the chair he so ably filled, they would all recollect the efficiency he had brought to bear upon his duties. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said it was somewhat difficult to vary the replies he had to make to compliments so often repeated. Still, he wished to convey to them an assurance of his gratitude for the very kind and flattering way in which his name was always received. It had been his endeavour to do all he could to uphold the prestige of this Lodge, and he knew that any shortcomings in that direction they might have observed on his part would be amply overlooked. In turn, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the initiate, the toast being most cordially received; and Bro. Thurland responded, in a modest and becoming speech. A hearty welcome was given to the Visitors; in replying for whom Bros. Clarke A.G. Purs., Faijer, and Bromley responded. Each and all spoke of the excellent working of the Lodge, and Bro. Bromley, in his customary "few words," spoke of the hearty hospitality visitors always received at the hands of this excellent Lodge. As to the working, why it was the same as it had always been, and the United Strength was considered to be one of the best worked Lodges in existence. He was proud to see it kept up as it was twenty years ago. Bros. Dodson and Turner also replied. In response to the toast of the P.M.'s, which was given in feeling terms by the W.M., Bros. Pearcy and Winsland returned thanks. The toast of the evening was that of the Masonic Charities, in responding for which Bro. James Terry observed that in speaking of the Masonic Institutions they must first of all premise that they were varied in their character and in their scope. They had all read the observations made by the Prince of Wales at the late Masonic banquet, and they had heard from the lips of his Royal Highness (and he was well instructed as to what he should say) that during the past ten years the roll of Masonry had increased by 10,000 every year. He also went on to state that, comparing what Freemasonry was in 1843, at the close of the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Sussex, when there were only 750 Lodges, at the present time they had 1887. Then (in 1843) they expended in charity something like about £4,800 a year, but at the present time they were spending, in the Girls' School something like £13,000. in the Boys' School about £14,000, and for the Old People considerably above that. In addition to these, there had been received during the past year for the three Masonic Institutions a sum approaching £42,000. Simply compare that with what was done forty years ago. Masonry was then a grand institution; the Charities were noble ones. But what were they in the present day? And what was Freemasonry now? Forty years ago there were 750 Lodges, and yet Freemasonry was a noble Institution. Then what could be said of it now that it numbered 1887 Lodges? If at the period he mentioned something like £7000 was given away, and they had now £40,000, what could be said on behalf of our Charities, but that the more one knew of them, and the more one was acquainted with them, the more they must be struck with admiration at what the Societies were doing. They would remember that at the last October election twenty-five additional candidates were placed upon the list of the Girls' School. There were forty-two girls taken altogether off the list of those who desired admission into it. That made a great acquisition of strength, for instead of having 210 girls, they were now enabled to feed, clothe, and educate 235, within the walls of that splendid Institution at Battersea Rise. Then, again, as to the Girls' School; at the last Cambridge Middle Class Examination, they sent up fourteen pupils, ten of whom passed with first-class honours, three with second-class, and one gained honourable distinction. There was not a single failure on the part of those who submitted themselves for examination. Then, again, as to the Boys' School at Wood Green, which included 225 boys, they sent up fifteen to the last Oxford Middle Class Examination, for which 2,100 boys presented themselves. The students from the Wood Green Institution took eleven prizes, leaving only four to be competed for by all the rest of the competitors in England. There was not a failure on the part of any of the fifteen boys sent up. He meant to say, therefore, that, as far as regarded the educational character of these Institutions, no matter what they might cost, they had these results to prove what a splendid education must be given to these girls and boys. Now, as to the Old People, they could not, of course, talk about Oxford and Cambridge Examinations, but they could point to something equally, if not more satisfactory, and that was to the blameless life, well spent for sixty or seventy years amongst those who recommended them to the benefit of this Grand Institution, without a spot or blemish on their character. If it were possible for a man or woman to live without a word of reproach being capable of being brought against them, it was something to be said of them that they had led a wholly irreproachable life. No less than 335 of these old people thus cared for looked to the Craft which in former years they had helped to support, and the Craft had never failed them. As Freemasonry had grown, so had been the increasing prosperity of that Institution, though at one time it was looked upon as the "black sheep of the fold." It was simply tolerated, and was not even permitted to have an annual festival. At length it was allowed to have a festival once in three years, but it grew, and eventually the Grand Master consented to its having a biennial gathering, and last of all a yearly festival. Since then, what had been the result? Instead of having forty annuitants with £16 a year—hardly enough to keep body and soul together—they had now 335, and the sum of £11,674 a year was being paid away in annuities alone. Years ago it would have been regarded as an utter impossibility that such an amount of affection and regard could exist in the minds of the Craft on behalf of those who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and who, by reason of their age, ought to be exempted from further toil. Bro. Terry, having spoken of a claim which the Institution had upon this Lodge, which had been fortunate in securing two annuities for their candidates, thanked the W.M. for having kindly consented to become a Steward at the next Festival. Since February last thirty-two new petitions had been accepted for the next election; some of the applicants for the benefits of the Institution were fourscore years of age, some over seventy, and many over sixty. If they would but think for a moment what it was to have nothing in the world to live upon and to be dependent upon the charity of others, which might be withdrawn at any time, they could well imagine how acceptable it must be to those poor old people to know they had £40 a year coming in, a home, coals throughout the winter months, medical attendance, and other comforts. What happiness to them to know they were spared from all future anxiety, that the wheels of life had simply to roll on until they could roll no longer. The possession of an annuity meant a fresh lease of life; and in conclusion he made an earnest appeal to the brethren to help forward and promote the Institution which conferred such inestimable benefits upon so large a number of persons. It was most distressing to know the number of deserving cases which could not be considered for want of funds; and if, as the Prince of Wales remarked at the Mansion House Banquet, every member of the Craft subscribed to the funds of the Charities there would be no need for Festivals or special appeals on behalf of the poor. This Lodge did its utmost to support the Charities, and he only wished its example was followed by every other Lodge. If every member of the Craft only subscribed 5s a year to each of the three Institutions, instead of having £12,000 a year to devote to charity they would have £90,000 or £100,000. Several complimentary toasts were afterwards honoured, and amidst an abundance of good music and singing a most enjoyable evening was passed.

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UNITED BROTHERS LODGE, No. 1062.

THE ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master Elect for the ensuing year (Bro. James Gieve) took place at the Lodge Room, Castle Hotel, Southsea, on Monday 8th inst. Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. 487, P.G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight, was the Installing Master, and conducted the ceremony with his usual ability and skill. The board of Installed Masters consisted of Bros. H. Cawte P.M. 342. P.P.G.W., E. M. Wells P.M. 487, T. Batchelor P.M. 1069, George Bond P.M. 1069, P.P.G.S.B., Edwin Groves P.M. 903, P.P.G.D.C., J. Wallingford P.M. 903, P.P.G.W., George Rake P.M. 487, P.P.G.W., A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, Robert Barnes W.M. 342, P.G.D.C., H. Threadingham W.M. 487, P.P.G.P., W. Dart W.M. 804, Valentine Brown P.M. 903, G. R. Strick W.M. 1428, G. Grant P.M. 1705, R. J. Rastrick P.M.1069 and S.S. Pearce P.M. 319 (Southampton), P.P.G.D. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. Albert Wendover J.W., D. Whitehall, H. Cook, W. E. Atkins, G. Whitehall, R. Little, H. Craven Dupree, and A. G. German 1069; J. R. Hayman S.W. 257, and J.W. 309, T. P. Palsgrave S.W. C. Groom, and J. N. Malone 487, J. W. Gieve 309, G. L. Stobbs J.D. 175, Philip Hyams 697, &c. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. A. Wendover S.W., W. E. Atkins J.W.. Rev. P. H. Good Chap, R. J. Rastrick P.M. Treas., G. Bond P.M. Sec., D. Whitehall S.D., F. H. De Rheims J.D., H. J. Guy P.M.D.C., J.A. Creber Org., G. Whitehall I.G., H. Cook Stewd, R. Little Stewd, Exell Tyler, —A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. H. M. Emanuel P.M., P.P.G.W., who for many years had filled the office of Treasurer to the Lodge, and a vote of sympathy was also accorded to Bro. W. C. Redward P.M., who has been suffering from a serious illness.—Bro. E. Groves P.M. received the thanks of the Lodge, on retirement from the office of Secretary, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties for some years.—The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. H. Craven of the Castle Hotel, and at which Bro. Gieve W.M. presided.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

THE Installation meeting of the above Lodge, the members of which are associated chiefly with the science of music, met on the 4th inst., at No. 13 Mandeville-place, Manchester-square. Bro. Rev. John Robbins, D.D., G.C. Middx W.M., W. Keen, M.D., as S.W., A. J. Hammond J.D., J. C. Turner P.M. Treas., J. Stedman L. Mus. Sec., H. Stark S.D., Rev. B. Hunt J.D., P. Martin I.G., P.M. E. Lott P.P.G.O. Middlesex, and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. After preliminaries, Bro. Thwaites was raised to the third degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. A. Hammond J.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. Robbins, D.D., who performed the task in a very perfect and impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—J. Robbins, M.D., I.P.M., Stark S.W., B. Hunt B. Mus. J.W., J. S. Gabriel Treas. J. Stedman L. Mus. Sec., E. J. Hoare S.D., B. Turner B. Mus. J.D., G. F. Hammond I.G., E. M. Lott P.G.O. Org. and W.S., F. Clark D.C., S. Harrison Tyler. The selection made by the W.M. seemed very satisfactory. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed a balance in hand of £62 7s 2d, and furniture, &c., valued at £104 3s 9d, although the Lodge has been in existence but two years. It must be a great pleasure to the new W.M. to take the chair under such favourable auspices. After votes of thanks had been accorded to the auditors, a candidate was proposed for initiation, and a letter was read from Brother Shadwell Clerke G.S., regretting his inability to attend. Hearty good wishes were given from the brethren and visitors, and Lodge was closed. After the banquet the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was given, Bro. Stedman singing the solo. After the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., Bros. Bradbury, Turner and Stark played a duet on the pianoforte, that was deservedly applauded. The toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers was given. Bro. Radcliff played "Coming Thro' the Rye," with variations, on the flute, Bro. Turner accompanying on the piano. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Robbins I.P.M., who eloquently acknowledged the compliment, and then proposed the health of the W.M. No better or more energetic Master could be found than Bro. Hammond. After this toast had been gracefully acknowledged, the W.M. gave that of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. Farwig P.M. 180, and Bro. Stanley Smith, who both responded. Several other toasts followed, and with such an array of talent present we need hardly add that the harmony was well sustained. Among the visitors present were Bros. A. Sorzqueray 33, T. Loring 171, H. Reed P.M. 733, W. Morphew 1535, F. Farwig P.M. 180, Tate 1563, Venables 263, F. A. Kelly 1524, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 202.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Stephen's-street Devonport, on Thursday evening 11th inst, for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the Officers for the next year. The Principals installed were E. Companions Robert Marshall Z., E. Binding H., W. H. Terrell J. The ceremony was performed by E. Companion E. J. Knight P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., with a Board of Installed Principals, consisting of E. Companions H. Welch P.Z., J. B. Gover. P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., C. Watson P.Z., E. March P.Z., P.P.G.O., W. Coath P.Z., R. Pengelly Z., 70, J. Baxter P.Z., P.P.G.A.S., E. Parnell P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., E. Aitken Davies P.Z., P.P.G.R. The Officers elected and invested were—Companions H. Welch P.Z., E. J. Knight S.E., J. D. Sandy S.N., E. March Treas., Robert Grills P.S., Richard Lavers 1st A.S., Wm. Oates 2nd A.S., Joseph Benny J. The Treasurer's statement was a very satisfactory one: a good amount has been given to one of the great London charities, and a good working balance remains.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. John Duckett jun. W.M., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. John Usher I.P.M., Thomas Prentice S.W., C. B. Ford J.W., John Spearman Treas., H. Usher Acting Sec., Joseph Cook D.C., Thomas Dinning Acting S.D., D. M. McDonald J.D., R. Ferry Org., John Mackay I.G., W. T. Lowrey S.S., Thomas Dinning J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. After the confirmation of minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. W. R. Pape, having answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. Pape was re-admitted and impressively raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., who described the tracing board, and explained the working tools, Bro Usher I.P.M. rendering the charge. The Lodge was then successively closed from the third and second to the first degree. The hearty good wishes of many of the visitors having been tendered to the W.M., the Lodge was closed in love and harmony. A brilliant assemblage of distinguished visitors honoured the Lodge on this occasion, among whom we noticed the following:—Bros. P.M. Thos. Robson 431 P.G.J.W., A. Mustart W.M. 431 P.G.S.B., John Harcus 431, R. Smaile 541, M. M. Catcheside W.M. 1676, John Braithwaite W.M. 1427, F. H. Corder W.M. 1664, C. C. Davison W.M. 636, J. T. Taylor 1676, R. Whitfield 48, J. Pounder 1119, John Page 406, A. Osterberg (Sweden); also the following brethren:—Bros. J. Blencowe S.W. 1676, J. Burdess S.W. 431, J. Liddell J.W. 48, H. Usher Sec. 541, H. S. Bird Sec. 1664, E. W. Middlemash Sec. 48, J. W. Gibson I.G. 1427, G. R. Leah 1611, A. Simpson 406, &c. The proceedings at the festive board were opened by the W.M., who gave the Queen and the Prince of Wales, which toasts were right royally honoured. The Powers that be was associated with Earl Percy and Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Robson P.G.J.W. responding in pleasing language. The W.M. in complimentary terms then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Osterberg, Catcheside, and Whitfield replying in a suitable manner. Bro. John Usher I.P.M. then submitted the toast of the W.M., which was very warmly received by the brethren, and feelingly responded to by the W.M. Bro. John Duckitt W.M. then proposed the health of his Officers, coupling the name of Bro. W. T. Lowrey S.S., who replied to the toast. The W.M. next gave the Past Masters of the St. Peter's Lodge, associating the name of Bro. John Usher with the toast, and he responded in his usual happy manner. The health of Bro. Page was then submitted by the W.M., and well replied to by Bro. Page. The Tyler concluded the proceedings. Bros. Nicholson, Catcheside, Page, Ford, Cook, Matthieson, Ferry, and Morgan, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday last, Bros. Smith W.M., Pavitt S.W., Brownsom J.W., Johnson S.D., Watkins J.D., Ives I.G., Worsley Sec.; also Bros. Guy, White, Davis, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Guy answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Guy candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the 1st section of the lecture. Lodge was lowered, and Bro. J. H. Pavitt was unanimously elected to occupy the chair next week, when sections only will be worked. Bro. P.M. Musto will assist Bro. Pavitt as S.W., P.M. Myers as J.W., and P.M. Cundick as I.P.M. The work will commence at 7 precisely. We hope there will be a good attendance as this will be the first time Bro. Pavitt has worked the sections from the chair.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 13th November, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. T. Hamer W.M. presided, and the following Officers were present:—Bros. C. Taylor S.W., W. Kibble J.W., N. B. Headon Treasurer, George Blackie Secretary, F. Keeble S.D., T. Baber J.D., F. W. Potter D.C., J. Jenkins Organist, and Steedman P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Stevens and Seex, and Thompson P.M. 177 and 1558. Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the previous Lodge read and confirmed, Bro. J. Matthews, initiated at the last Lodge, was questioned as to the progress he had made in the science since that time, and his answers being satisfactory, he was afterwards passed to the second or F.C. degree. To fill up an interval of time, Bro. J. Stevens gave an explanation of the Tracing-board of the first degree. Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. and Treasurer then, in very feeling and appropriate terms, brought under the notice of the Lodge the domestic affliction into which Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Chaplain of the Lodge, had been plunged by the loss of his daughter, and moved that the Lodge should present to him an address of condolence on his bereavement. The motion was seconded by Bro. C. Taylor S.W., and unanimously agreed to. A petition from a distressed brother was inquired into, and relieved from the Samaritan Fund. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for light refreshment. After the usual Loyal toasts, Bro. Blackie I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Hamer W.M. and said that he felt sure that the brethren were highly pleased up to the present time, and he had no doubt that as he went on he would still merit their good opinion of him. He also wished to say that they must all have derived a great amount of information in listening to the explanation of the Tracing-board given that evening by Bro. J. Stevens. He also alluded to the letters which had appeared in the *Citizen* newspaper on the total ignoring of the Worshipful Masters of all the City Lodges at the late Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, given by the late Lord Mayor to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; but, after all, he thought it was not altogether the fault of the Lord Mayor or of the Grand Secretary, as a letter did not reach its destination to the W. Master, because those by whom it was sent did not know where to find him. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of the

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W. Master. The W. Master, in acknowledging the toast, thanked Bro. Blackie for proposing his health, and the brethren for receiving it with so much cordiality. He was much interested in Bro. Stevens's lecture on the Tracing-board, and he hoped that it would induce members of The Great City Lodge to attend Lodges of Instruction. Possibly, at another meeting they might have a lecture on the Tracing-board of the second degree. He was glad to see so many members turn up at the Lodge that evening, as there was no banquet, but at the next meeting he hoped to show them greater hospitality, and he thanked all the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. The Wor. Master next gave the Visitors, for which Bros. Blake and Stevens responded. The Wor. Master then gave the Past Masters of the Lodge, and said that it was impossible for him to speak too highly of their merits, and especially as regarded Bro. Blackie, for the very creditable manner in which he had instilled into them the ritual of Freemasonry. To him he was indebted for what he knew, and the credit anything he (the W.M.) might do in the chair was due to Bro. Blackie rather than to himself. As regarded the other Past Masters he could speak of them with equal confidence, they were all most assiduous in the performance of their duties. The Past Masters severally returned thanks. A conversation arose as to the late Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, in which it was pointed out that although all the Masters of Freemasons' Lodges in the City had been ignored, some members of the Court of Common Council, although they had never attended or subscribed to a Lodge for twenty years, merely because they set up a claim that they were Freemasons at some remote period of their life, and had almost forgotten it altogether, received invitations to be present, and in some instances they borrowed the "clothing" to enable them to attend on the occasion. This was looked upon as a very questionable way of obtaining admission, and could in no way be considered as giving to the meeting a representative character. The formal toast brought the proceedings to a close. Some capital songs were sung in the course of the evening.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—The proceedings at the regular meeting, on the 8th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, were highly successful. Bro. Stewart the Hon. Sec. was W.M., and was assisted by Bros. T. Wooding S.W., Hammond J.W., Johnson S.D., Wheatley J.D., Hubbert I.G. There were also present Bros. T. J. Tyers, C. Kendall, Clements, Job, Moss, Couture, Robinson, and Past Masters W. Hogg Preceptor, T. J. Barnes acting as Secretary, W. Musto, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Tyer proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a really able manner by the W.M., especially so considering that Bro. Stewart is but a young member of the Craft. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wooding J.W. 1306 was unanimously elected to the chair for the meeting on the 15th inst. Arrangements were made for the 29th inst., on which occasion Bro. Musto P.M. will work the Fifteen Sections, supported by some of the best workers.

On the 15th inst., Bro. Wooding was a most able W.M., and was well supported by Bros. Hammond S.W., Clements J.W., Veal S.D., Forse J.D., Tyer I.G., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor, Stewart Secretary, Past Masters Musto, Barnes, Myers, Andrews and Coleman, and Bros. Scheerboom, McDonald, Day, Magrath, &c. The ceremony of the third degree was capitally rehearsed, Bro. Myers candidate. Bro. Musto P.M. worked the three sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Magrath S.W. 1306 was a elected a member, and Bro. Hammond was appointed to fill the chair on the 22nd inst.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743.—This enterprising and successful Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday last at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Bro. Fred. Kearney W.M. occupied the chair and was well supported by his Officers and the members, there being also present a small contingent of visitors. After the usual preliminaries, and the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Burnup was interrogated and entrusted, and having retired, Lodge was opened in the third degree, and our worthy brother, on re-admission, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Kearney, and those who assisted him. Lodge having been closed down in the third and second degrees, and resumed to the first, Bro. W. J. Squire was interrogated and entrusted, and in due form passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge having been again resumed in the first degree, a ballot took place for Mr. F. H. Sibold, whose musical ability is so highly and deservedly appreciated in the City. As it proved successful, that gentleman was then and there initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. A letter of apology was read from the I.P.M., who expressed regret at his inability to attend owing to the critical state of his father's health. Bro. Leins having announced his intention of serving the office of Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Lodge voted a sum of ten guineas to be placed on his list. The further sum of one guinea was also voted, on the proposition of Bro. C. Daniel P. Master, towards the expenses of the New Year's entertainment to the old folk at Croydon. There being no other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a neat little dinner, which was capitally served by Bro. Begbie, manager of the hotel. The cloth having been removed, the toast of Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft, as formulated by Bro. Binckes in substitution of the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, was given and appropriately honoured. In the absence of Bro. I.P.M., Bro. Leins proposed the health of the W.M., who, in the course of his reply, said he had endeavoured to do his duty to the best of his ability, and though, from indisposition, he feared he had not been quite up to the mark that evening, he felt sure that any shortcomings he might have been guilty of would be treated kindly, and with that leniency which ever characterised the members of the Lodge. In proposing the health of the initiate, the W.M. congratulated him on having become a Mason, and expressed his belief that he would prove a valuable addition not only to the Lodge of Perseverance, but to Freemasonry in general. Bro. Sibold,[1] in reply, said that for many years it had been his wish to become a Mason, and he could not but appreciate the honour which had been conferred upon him that evening in admitting him as a member. He trusted he should be found worthy of such honour, and that in all circumstances he should prove competent to the fulfilment of whatever duties he might be invited to perform. The Visitors severally responded to the toast of their health, in proposing which the W.M. expressed the pleasure it had given him and his fellow Officers and members to receive them in their Lodge. In the intervals between the speeches, Bros. Goodchild, Hawkins, Eade, and others, added greatly to the entertainment of all present by the songs or recitations they contributed. Bro. Begbie must be congratulated on the excellence of the repast he placed before the Lodge, a repast which, while it gratified as well as satisfied the needs of all who partook of it, had the advantage of being inexpensive. 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Mitchell W.S., Bridgeman—who, in the course of the meeting, was appointed Assist.-W.S.—C. Daniel P.M., Louis A. Leins P.M., F. Goodchild, Burnup, W. J. Squire, F. H. Sibold, &c., &c.; and as Visitors—Bros. B. L. Wilson 1366, C. J. Rich J.D. 65, J. H. Hawkins W.M. 1693, Henry M. Williams Org. 1669, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present:—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., C. B. Carter S.W., T. Upward J.W., G. Clark S.D., J. Edwards J.D., C. Webster I.G.; Past Master T. Franklin, and Bro. F. Hallows. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. Hallows candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and questions were put to Bro. F. Hallows, who was entrusted, and the Lodge opened in the third, when that brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Carter was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

The William of Wykeham Lodge, Winchester.—After a very considerable delay, the warrant for this new Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1883, has been received from the Grand Lodge of England by Bro. Burchett, the Hon. Sec., and arrangements will shortly be made for its consecration, and the installation of the first W.M., Bro. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.S. It was intended that the new Lodge should be held at the George Hotel, but it seems that objections exist in Grand Lodge to granting warrants to new Lodges if held at hotels. The Provincial Grand Master consequently declined to recommend the Grand Lodge to issue the necessary warrant, and suggested the use of the Masonic Hall in Parchment-street—a suggestion which was accepted, and the meetings of the new Lodge will consequently take place there. *Portsmouth Times.*

The Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday next, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, when Bro. F. H. Clemow will be installed as W.M.

The Installation Festival of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, will take place at the Old Town Hall, Hackney, this day, Saturday, at 3.15 p.m. Bro. Augustus F. Lay S.W. is the W.M. elect. The Lodge is called for 2 o'clock.

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THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

ON Tuesday, the 30th inst., will be held, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the Winter Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 p.m., and all Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W. Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of subordinate Lodges, and all duly registered Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. The business will include the nomination of a Grand Master in succession to the Earl of Lathom, whose three years' term of office will expire in the summer of next year. We anticipate that Lord Henniker, the present Deputy Grand Master, will be nominated, and seeing how earnest and energetic have been his lordship's efforts in furtherance of the interests of this degree, we trust our anticipations will be realised. Among other matters to be submitted for the consideration of the brethren is the report of the General Board, and considering the flourishing condition of the Mark, we do not need to apologise for devoting somewhat more than the accustomed space to a review of the contents of said report. There can be no question as to the progress of this degree during the last few years, but were any proof needed of this fact, it would be found in the rapid increase in the number of advancees, who at the close of the half-year ended 30th September last, amounted to 14,086, to 572 of whom certificates were granted in the half-year then terminated. In the same period, Warrants for seven new Lodges were granted, and as other three Warrants have since been issued, there are now on the roll of this Grand Lodge no less than 271, or, including the Time Immemorial Lodges, 281 Lodges in England, Wales, and abroad. These figures speak for themselves. The Royal Ark Mariner Degree has also exhibited a fair state of progress, as ninety-nine certificates of elevation thereto, and Warrants for five new Lodges, have been granted in the course of the same half-year. The Grand Treasurer's accounts, moreover, strengthen the feelings of satisfaction which all lovers of Freemasonry must experience at the undoubted prosperity of the Mark Grand Lodge. The receipts from all sources, on account of the General Fund, amount to £623 17s 6d, and there were balances on the 30th September last in respect of the different Funds as follow—namely, on the General Fund, £293 2s 1d; on the Benevolent Fund, £289 7s 3d; and on the Educational Fund, £243 11s 7d. Investments have since been made to the extent of £400—namely, £200 in respect of the Benevolent, and £200 in respect of the Educational Fund. To this must be added the purchase of £400 Queensland 4 Per Cent. Debentures, during the half-year itself—namely, £300 on behalf of the General Fund, and £100 on behalf of the Educational; so that, since the last Half-yearly Communication, the permanent resources of the Mark Grand Lodge have been increased by £800 additional stock, yielding 4 per cent. per annum interest.

The other circumstances to which the General Board has drawn attention in its report are equally satisfactory. The Twelfth Annual Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Fund was held at the Crystal Palace, on 7th July last, under the auspices, as chairman, of R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, and the aggregate amount of the donations and subscriptions handed in by the thirty brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion reached £550 9s 6d. A new Province also has been constituted, or rather, the old Province of North Wales and Cheshire has been reconstituted, Cheshire retaining the old organisation, while North Wales is now a Province by itself, with an admirable chief to preside over its destinies in the person of the R.W. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and a capable Deputy to support him in the person of Bro. Captain Charles Hunter.

The other points that are mentioned may be disposed of shortly. The grant of a sum of £25 to F. C. K. from the Benevolent Fund will be recommended. The law which requires the qualification of a three years' contribution to a Lodge by a Brother in order to render his son eligible for the assistance afforded by the Educational Fund is deemed to have operated "arbitrarily and prejudicially," and the Board will submit a motion for the suspension of this requirement, "reserving," however, "the right of Grand Lodge to restore it, should circumstances in their opinion justify its re-enactment." Another resolution that will be submitted has reference to the status of Honorary Members of Lodges, and in order to remove certain misapprehensions which appear to exist on this point, the Board will propose the insertion in the Book of Constitutions of the following enactment:—"Brethren who have deserved well of this Order, or of a Lodge, may be admitted as Honorary Members of a Lodge under the same conditions as Subscribing Members. But Honorary Membership shall convey no rights or privileges beyond that of being present at Lodges and attending banquets on payment of the same fee as Subscribing Members." Finally, as the tenancy of the offices occupied by Grand Lodge at 2 Red Lion-square will determine on Lady Day 1881, the Board will recommend that it be empowered to make the necessary arrangements for, and incur the expenditure required in connection with, the provision of suitable accommodation for the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge.

We have now described in detail the business which will be submitted for the consideration of the Mark Grand Lodge on Tuesday next, and it only remains for us to offer our congratulations to our brethren of that degree, and especially to the Earl of Lathom, M.W.G.M.M.M., Lord Henniker, his Deputy, and Bro. F. Binckes G. Secretary, with his able and obliging coadjutor Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assist. Grand Secretary, on the marked degree of prosperity which has attended their efforts in the course of the last five years. A Grand Lodge which can only point to an existence of less than the one-fourth part of a single century—the degree itself is of course much older—may well be proud of an array of Lodges not very far short of 300, of a membership which exceeds 14,000, and of so satisfactory a condition of its finances as to show at the close of its last half-yearly account, balances on its several Funds amounting in the aggregate to a fraction over £826, with a very satisfactory nest-egg into the bargain in the shape of a considerable amount of invested moneys. Of course, no one who has studied the progress of the Mark will feel at all surprised at this, especially when they call to mind the eminent brethren, beginning with that sound "constitutional" Mason, Lord Leigh, elected G.M. in 1856, and terminating with the present noble occupant of the throne, to whose merits we have just paid our humble tribute of respect. But though it almost goes without saying that an Order which has the good fortune to number among its chiefs such men as the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master (Craft) of England, Viscount Holmesdale, Earl Percy, M.P., and the Earl of Limerick, should fare prosperously, it is none the less our duty, as it is a pleasure, to felicitate it on its present stability and future prospects.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st December 1880.

1. Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st September 1880 for confirmation.

2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Report of the Committee, appointed by Grand Lodge, 3rd March 1880, on the purchase of property adjoining Freemasons' Hall.

4. Election of a Member of the Board of General Purposes in the place of Brother Frederick H. McCalmont W.M. of No. 394, deceased.

5. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year.

8. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, wherein the recommendation made on the 18th August last for a grant of £150 to a Brother of Lodge No. 1326—having been referred back by Grand Lodge on the 1st September for reconsideration—is cancelled, except so far as the £10 already paid on account of such recommended Grant. And recommendations are made for the following Grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of St. James' Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, Yorkshire...	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Portsmouth	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, Deal	50	0	0
A Brother of the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester	75	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford...	75	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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 Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November inst., shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,573 12s 11d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th November 1880.

NAMES OF BRETHREN NOMINATED TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Bros. Henry Harben P.M. 92. John Messent P.M. 231.

NAMES OF PAST MASTERS NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Bros. George P. Britten 183, Walter T. Christian 1662, Joseph D. Collier 1366, John Constable 185, Charles Dairy 141, Henry Garrod 749, Charles F. Hogard 205, John M. Klenck 1686, William Mann 186, Henry Massey 619, William H. Perryman 3, William Stephens 1489. No more than twelve were nominated.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

1877.—Ashley Lodge, Rangiora, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1878.—Northern Light Lodge, Kawa Kawa, Auckland, New Zealand.
1879.—Lord Warkworth Lodge, Amble, Northumberland.
1880.—The Goulbourn Valley of St. George Lodge, Shepperton, Victoria.
1881.—Neptune Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.
1882.—St. John's Lodge of Rochester, Rochester, Victoria.
1883.—William of Wykeham Lodge, Winchester.
1884.—Chine Lodge, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
1885.—Torridge Lodge, Great Torrington, Devon.
1886.—St. John's Lodge, Kokstad, Griqualand.

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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Continuing my letter, which you were kind enough to find space for a fortnight since, I will, before carrying my arguments against Bro. Stewart's scheme further, take note of an objection which it is not improbable may be raised against the points I have already urged. There are those who will plead, and with a certain show of reason, that considering the great success which during the past few years has attended the policy of extension, and how promptly the Craft meet the ever-increasing calls that are made upon them for the support of our Institutions, the same readiness will be shown in providing such further sums as may be required if effect is given to Bro. Stewart's or any similar resolution. There is always great difficulty in meeting an argument of this kind, yet none will deny that a limit must ultimately be reached, beyond which any attempt at increase will be a source of danger to our Institution. It is not because the Craft generously provide the £40,000 which are necessary for the maintenance of our Institutions in their present state of efficiency that they will always be disposed, or if disposed, in a position, to find the larger sum [say] of £60,000. There is an old saying which it will be well for Bro. Stewart and those who think and act with him to bear in mind, about overtasking the willing horse; and because we, Freemasons, have cheerfully acquiesced in a policy which, in the course of a very brief season, has about doubled our responsibilities, that is no reason why we should be forced into a position of such delicacy that we must either overtax our strength or fall short of our undertakings. It is very easy for an irresponsible committee-man to step forward and tell his friends and associates that, though they have subscribed very liberally up to the present time, they must go on increasing their subscriptions. It is doubtless pleasant to have one's name connected with the enlargement of a charity, but we may depend upon it that his is the sounder and more judgmatical counsel who advises that the foundations of a building shall be strengthened before another storey is added to it. What has borne the superincumbent weight of 100 tons or 200 tons may not be equal to the strain of an additional 50 tons; or if it is, it does not follow it is wise to test it to the uttermost limits of its capabilities. I shall not be far wrong if I put down the average annual amount of donations and subscriptions to the Boys' School during the last five years at £13,000, and the expenditure that is needed for its maintenance with its present complement of pupils at £10,000; and if I assume that the same relative strength of income and expenditure is maintained for the next ten years, and the whole of the surplus regularly invested, even then the permanent income of the Institution would not be very greatly in excess of £2,500, or the fourth of what is absolutely necessary for the year's requirements. I will, however, suppose the permanent income of the Boys' School for 1890 is £4,000, or, in other words, that, in the course of a single decade, it has quintupled itself. Even then the amount that must be found annually will be considerable, and greatly in excess of what was thought, only a very few years ago, a very large subscription. On the other hand, it will be impossible to increase the permanent income, if new premises are to be erected and additional pupils taken on to the establishment. Consequently we shall, if we adopt this course, compel the brethren who come after us to raise not only the £13,000 which is annually necessary, but a further very considerable sum likewise, which it would be most unwise to set down at less than £5,000. The man whose income is derived from property may be excused if he spends every shilling of it, but the same cannot be said of the man who earns his living. The former has a property to leave behind him; the income of the latter dies with him, and his family become a burden upon his friends or the State. We have increased the strength of the Boys' School quite fifty per cent. in a short time; let us now see what can be done towards making its strength permanent. We have been busy enlarging our premises, let us now give them all possible stability, so that, when the inevitable rainy day sets in, and the subscription lists show a very serious diminution, there will be no necessity for curtailing the good we are doing.

Our School at Wood Green, including the latest additions, has, in round numbers, cost about £60,000, and the average cost per boy last year was, as stated in your article, £43 10s 5½d. Is it likely that an additional school large enough to accommodate 150 pupils will cost much less than £20,000, and if I estimate the cost of clothing, maintenance, and education at no more than 10s per week, or £26 per annum, that will give a permanent additional expenditure of not far short of £4,000 a year. It will be said by Bro. Stewart and his supporters, All this is going to be done gradually, and as occasion may require. But we must look in the face the whole amount of the liability we are likely to incur, and I hardly think I am exaggerating the case if I set down the cost of building and the additional annual expenditure at the figures I have just stated. Are we justified in handing down to our successors a greater responsibility than we have ourselves had to bear? There is, as you very properly pointed out last week, a plan by which the necessities of our orphan boys can be met, and that without committing the School to so serious an outlay. If I adopt your rate of interest, then 5 per cent. on the £20,000 to be sunk in building would yield £1,000 per annum—a sum sufficient to allow of fifty small boys receiving each a sum of £20 annually towards their keep and schooling. In other words,

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by increasing its expenditure from £10,000 to £11,000, the School would extend the range of its benefits without incurring too heavy a responsibilty, and would also be in a position to lay by a handsome sum annually.

Other points there are which must be considered likewise. I have said the Girls' School, after its recent increase, is likely to rest a while, but how long will this be the case? You require a Boys' School with as many pupils in it as there are days in the year, we shall very soon find an extension of the sister Institution has become a necessity. Some £16,000 or £17,000 have latterly been spent on new premises and the purchase of Lyncombe House, and if only another fifty girls are taken on, not only will about the same amount of capital have to be sunk in building further premises, but about £2,000 per annum more will be required for maintenance and education. Then, it is to be presumed, the old men and women who are obliged to seek assistance from the Benevolent Fund will not remain stationary as regards numbers. An addition to the present strength of annuitants to the extent of only twenty-five men and as many widows means an additional sum of £1,800 to be raised annually. At this rate, the £40,000 we now require will rapidly swell to £50,000 or even more. Is there any one who can take upon himself to say the increased sum will be obtained, when we all know what exertions are necessary to raise the present £40,000? And even if this were possible, is there any guarantee that further increase will not be encouraged? It cannot be charged against the Craft that they are chary of helping their less fortunate brethren or their families; our Institutions are a standing proof of their generosity, of which they have reason to be proud. Let us, then, content ourselves with the good work that is being done. Let us turn our attention for a time to strengthening the available capital of our Charities. We should then be able to view the approach of an unprosperous season with comparative equanimity—with the knowledge, amounting almost to a certainty, that such a misfortune would not have the effect of diminishing the benefits they now confer. Let it suffice that we are already pledged to the fulfilment of a considerable responsibility. We are not called upon to undertake a still greater, nor are we justified in binding those who come after us to do more than may in reason be demanded of them. Let us be increasingly careful whom we admit into the Craft, let the applications for help be more strictly scrutinised, but let us not be led by any excess of enthusiasm to place in jeopardy the fair fame of our Society by undertaking what at some future time we may find ourselves incapable of carrying out.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

EST MODUS IN REBUS.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having read with considerable interest the able letter of DISCIPLE upon the—in many instances—unsatisfactory manner in which the business of the Lodges of Instruction is conducted, and the replies DISCIPLE'S letter has evoked, I cannot refrain from addressing a few lines to you upon the strange manner in which some brethren who act as Preceptors are asking, as of old, "Is it *I*?" It would really appear as if the old adage anent "the cap fitting" was applicable. Now, surely, they being so well acquainted with the *letter* of the ritual, should not be altogether unmindful of its true spirit. I would ask these inquirers, "Is not Freemasonry, according to their own teaching, described as a 'progressive science'"? and are we not told, at least once a year in our mother Lodge, that "what we see praiseworthy in others, we should carefully imitate, and what in others may seem defective, we should carefully amend"? How then can these brethren logically refuse to consider the various alterations and corrections which the gradual improvement in the general educational standard of the community renders necessary to make our Ritual such as educated men newly admitted into the Craft can look upon with respect and approval?

No doubt it may prove less troublesome to maintain the "old working," and to claim for their individual utterances the prestige of an "ancient landmark!" Still, I would hope an earnest wish for the advancement of their pupils may stimulate every brother who accepts the honourable post of Preceptor to do his utmost to impart Masonic light and truth pure and unsullied.

I am, &c.

A STUDENT.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We are now in the middle of November, and, considering that the Bazaar and Fancy Fair at Freemasons' Tavern in aid of this Fund were held on the 29th and 30th June, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd July, it has struck me that the public should long ago have been presented with some kind of statement or balance-sheet. We were given to understand almost at the very outset that the proceeds of the Bazaar would amply suffice to cover all the expenses in connection with the Fund, but this, I believe, is the full extent of the information which has been vouchsafed us up to the present time. Now, it seems hardly possible the accounts can have been of so intricate a character that over four months should be needed for their preparation. I presume some of the Committee must have looked after the receipts for admission, some after the proceeds of sales at the stalls, and some after the receipts for the concerts and other entertainments. If these were accounted for each day, and note taken of the expenses incurred, it ought not to have been a very difficult task to prepare a debtor and creditor account; indeed, a few hours should have sufficed for, at all events, the drawing up of an approximate statement, which would have enabled the many brethren interested in the success of the Fund to judge of the results. The Bazaar was announced amid a succession of flourishes of trumpets. Many distinguished brethren took part in the proceedings on the opening and subsequent days. The fair stall keepers laboured energetically, and sales, we heard at the time, were "brisk." But here we are, as I have said, in the middle of November, and yet not a single word of information has been forthcoming as to the proceeds. No doubt the brethren who took a leading part in the management of the Bazaar have had their private business to attend to in the meantime, and possibly in the holiday season, when everybody avoids work who can, it may have been difficult to get the managers to meet together for a final settlement. But though this may palliate, it will not excuse, the delay that has occurred, and I trust the information which so many are awaiting will be made public before the present month is ended. Even if the affair should turn out to have been a failure, it is better we should be told so at once.

I have heard a rumour—for the truth of which it is impossible I can vouch—to the effect that the Committee meetings were not in all instances models of harmony, and that one at least of those brethren who took an active part in the promotion of the Bazaar was treated with scant courtesy. I trust the rumour will prove unfounded, and that the Committee will be able at no distant date to take the Masonic public into its confidence by presenting a fair balance sheet, and proving they have not worked inharmoniously or in vain.

I consider the idea of organising a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund was a most excellent one, and I believe that, once it has been set firmly on its legs, it will do good service to many deserving girls and boys, who, on leaving school, stand in need of further help. It has received the hearty support of many of our chief dignitaries. A fair amount of contributions has been either paid or promised, and now that Lodges have generally resumed their meetings, they ought to be told what has been done, if only that they may be in a position to judge of the future prospects of the Fund.

I beg to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

ONE WHO IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

London, 16th November 1880.

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read in your valuable columns a Dissertation on Freemasonry, delivered at a recent meeting of the Montefiore Lodge; and as I am informed that it is to be continued at the next meeting, may I venture to ask, what is the purport of the three-quarters of a column you have published? The part you omitted was, as all know, perfectly correct; but what did it teach the assembled brethren? The Judea-phobe business is stale, except to the Brother who was speaking. The only Mason I saw to whom it *might* have been instructive was our esteemed Brother Wendt, and *that* is a matter of opinion. It resolves itself into this. Certain new and absurd changes were mentioned as being, in the opinion of the speaker, and I believe of no one else, necessary; but if the Brother had troubled himself to have attended a Lodge of Instruction, he would unquestionably not have lectured on the subject. In the hope, Dear Brother Editor, that our Ritual and Constitution will ever remain unchanged.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

P.S.—I enclose my card and thank you by anticipation for the insertion of this letter.

We hear that Bro. Harben, P.M. of Moira Lodge, No. 92, will offer himself on the 1st proximo as a candidate for the vacancy which has recently occurred on the Board of General Purposes. We trust those of our readers who have it in their power to promote the success of Bro. Harben's candidature will make a point of being present at the meeting, on Wednesday next, of Grand Lodge. Bro. Harben, by his valuable services, has deserved well of the Craft, and will prove a great addition to the strength of the Board in question.

Owing to the pressure upon our space, we have been compelled to hold over several notices of meetings and sundry items of intelligence of great interest.

A Concert will be given at the Agricultural Hall, on Monday evening next, in aid of the Funds of the Clerkenwell Benevolent Society. Among the artists engaged are Mrs. Osgood, Madame Patey, Bro. M. Maybrick, Bro. Egbert Roberts, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Diseases of Women.—Medical science in all ages has been directed to alleviate the many maladies incident to females, but Professor Holloway, by diligent study and attentive observation, was induced to believe that nature had provided a remedy for those special diseases. He has, after vast research, succeeded in compounding his celebrated Pills and Ointment, which embody the principle naturally designed for the relief and cure of disorders peculiar to women of all ages and constitutions, whether residing in warm or cold climates. They have repeatedly corrected disordered functions which have defied the usual means prescribed for such cases; and still more satisfactory is it that the malady is relieved completely and permanently.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE third Installation in connection with the Albert Victor Lodge took place on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall, Pendleton, Manchester, on which occasion Bro. Daniel Asquith, the S.W. of the past year, was placed in the chair. The proceedings passed off in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on those who had been entrusted with the arrangements, not a single hitch occurring throughout the day. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Lees the W.M., who was supported by Bro. S. Statham I.P.M., D. Asquith S.W., E. Winterbottom J.W., W. Hardcastle Sec., J. W. Almond S.D., C. Oldham J.D., F. A. Dale Org., J. Statham I.G., Thomas Kay and Thomas Hewitt Stewards; most of the remaining members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors: Ellis Jones 1147 P.G.T., William H. Baynes 1341, 1814 P.M., J. J. Meakin 992 W.M., C. W. Bayley Sec. 1345, J. Salmon 163 P.P.G.D.C., S. Y. B. Bradshaw 1009 P.P.G. Chap., G. Fisher 129 P.M., G. Mellor 300, 64 D.P.G.M., John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec., G. F. Smith P.M. 1009, 1045, W. Nicholl S.W. 317, J. Ogden 1357, F. H. A. Wright P.P.G.C., B. Taylor P.P.G.T., J. M. Smith, W. W. Morgan Jun. 1385, F. Douglas 287, S. Moore P.M. 992, James Lowndes 163, 999, T. J. Hooper P.P.G.T. 1633, J. Bowker, J. D. Nowell 521, E. Carr 1170, F. P. Morris 563 New York, J. H. Lowndes 154, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. S. Statham assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect having been presented, he proceeded to obligate him in due form. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Asquith was placed in the chair with the customary forms. The brethren were then admitted, and the newly installed Master was saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees. Bro. Jos. Harrop P.M. then invested the following brethren as Officers for the year: Bros. Winterbottom S.W., Hardcastle J.W., Oldham Sec., Almond S.D., J. Statham J.D., Dale Organist, Kay I.G., Hewitt and Moffatt Stewards, J.B. Kirk (re-elected) Tyler. The W.M. personally invested Bro. Harrop with the collar of Treas., he having been elected by the brethren to that position. The three addresses were then given; that to the Master by Bro. E. Williams P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. J. Lees I.P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. Rev. Dr. Brown P.M. P.P.G.C. The W.M. then proceeded to close the Lodge, one proposition for joining, and one for initiation, having been handed in previous to his so doing. The brethren then repaired to the banquet room, where a splendid repast awaited them; there were fifty-two brethren in all around the festive board, and each thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided. The W.M. was particularly happy in the way in which he presided, treating all those present in such a manner as to render it impossible for any to feel strange, and this notwithstanding the fact that the visitors far outnumbered the members. But as in this life all good things must come to an end, so did this installation banquet, and then the brethren again repaired to the Lodge room which, in the interval, had undergone a great change; there dessert was served, and the social part of the day's proceedings commenced. The W.M. in appropriate terms gave the usual Loyal toasts, the brethren honouring that of the Queen and the Craft with a fire of twenty-one, and singing the National Anthem, and that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, with twenty and one, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales." In quick succession followed the toasts in honour of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, with the rest of the Grand Officers, each of which received due amount of attention at the hands of both the Master and brethren. Bro. Samuel Statham P.P.G.T., the first W.M. of the Lodge, then rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. He had heard it said that any one rising to address an assembly should be possessed of three qualifications; he should have a full head, a ready tongue, and a warm heart. Now as regarded the first, he dared not lay claim to any such endowment; as regarded the second, all must know there were times when the little member would not act as glibly as one could wish; but as regarded the third, there he felt particularly at home. He had within him a heart that warmed to anything connected with the Masonic Institution. He felt they must all be gratified at the assembly of the day, and the great success it had been. On the occasion of the consecration of the Lodge, the Prov. Grand Master had said that he was father of twelve Masonic children, the Albert Victor being the twelfth. He (the speaker) did not know how many he had at the present time, but he felt every one must hope that all of them were in a prosperous state, and that each might become fathers of healthy members of Freemasonry. The present aspect of the Craft in the Province of East Lancashire led to the supposition that the Prov. G. Master was truly wedded to the Order, and all felt confident that no bill of divorcement would ever be required, but that the happy alliance would continue until death did them part. The members of the Lodge could but gratefully acknowledge the advice given to them by the Provincial ruler as to the introduction of members, which advice they had endeavoured to act up to. Before concluding this toast, Bro. Statham felt he must express his hearty congratulations to all concerned on the accession to the chair of the Lodge of one who was truly worthy of the honour. It could but be the hope of all that he would have a successful year, and that at its conclusion he would be able to congratulate himself on having added lustre to the Albert Victor Lodge, which he hoped would ever continue to be a Lodge abounding in peace, good temper, and enjoyment. Brother Brooks next gave the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother George Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. He was extremely sorry that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had not been able to stay to the after dinner proceedings, but he felt sure he must have carried away from the meeting a feeling of delight. If they had not been honoured, as they had expected to be, with the company of the Prov. Grand Master himself, they had had his Deputy, whom they were all very pleased to welcome whenever he was able to attend any of their meetings. As regarded the other Provincial Grand Officers, he hoped they had been pleased at what had been done, he assured them that at all times they would be most heartily welcome at the Albert Victor Lodge. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Hine, and that brother, after a song by Bro. Dale, the Organist of the Lodge, proceeded to reply. Every man, he said, who entered Freemasonry was to a certain extent ambitious. In the first place, he was ambitious to fill office in his own Lodge, and after that he felt ambitious to wear a different apron to that of his fellows; a very laudable ambition too. It was but natural that a Provincial Grand Master should desire to find out for himself the respective merits of those he had appointed to fill the various offices, and it was for the Grand Officers to show that the Prov. Grand Master had not made a mistake in selecting them, or that they were unmindful of the compliment that had been paid them. Of the brethren who rose to the toast there were six Past Grand Treasurers; they were Provincial Officers appointed by the voice of the brethren themselves, and even though he was personally one of the number, he could but say they had done their duty. Bro. John Lees rose to propose the health of the W.M. He was sure it was a toast which would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. Up to the present time they had been going through what he might term Wonderland, now they were about to do honour to one of their own number. The enthusiasm with which the brethren had received the mention of the Master's name was just what might have been expected, and he felt that no words were necessary from him to induce them to heartily respond to the toast. It had been his lot to be connected with Bro. Asquith for many years, and he had found him what he might term a practical Mason. If there was one point specially required to endear him to the Lodge it had been found at the time of the consecration. Since that time he had fulfilled the duties of the various offices he had undertaken in a manner calling for the warmest thanks. The brethren honoured the toast in the heartiest manner, and the W.M., on rising to respond, again received a round of applause. He felt he could not find words adequately to thank the brethren for the way in which they had received him. He little thought when he entered Freemasonry that he should ever occupy the position he filled that night. That day was certainly one of the red-letter days of his life. He trusted that at the end of his term of office he might leave the chair of the Lodge as unsullied as he had that day entered upon it. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Lees. He was sure that he uttered the sentiments of all when he said that Bro. Lees had been, during his Mastership, one of those shining stars so seldom met with in the chair of K.S. They could not certainly boast of a great number of initiates during his term of office, but that was no disadvantage; they did not want initiates, if they would in any way affect the harmony of the Lodge. The I.P.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair most efficiently, and it would be his (the Wor. Master's) endeavour to carry on the work on similar lines. As a token of the appreciation of the brethren, he was instructed to present to Bro. Lees a Past Master's jewel, and he trusted that his health would be such as to enable him to attend the meetings of the Lodge for many years to come. After a song, the I.P.M. returned his thanks. He felt sure he need hardly say he was more than grateful for the way in which the toast had been received. He had endeavoured to carry out the duties required by the Lodge to the best of his ability, and if he had given satisfaction he was gratified. He had to thank the Past Masters for the assistance they had rendered him. He felt that the brethren had not only expressed their satisfaction, but by the gift of the Past Master's jewel that had just been presented him had proved they were sincere in their expressions. Although he now retired among the Past Masters, he hoped he should still have opportunities, and should on many occasions act for the benefit of the brethren. Bro. Harrop was entrusted with the proposition of the next toast—that of the Visiting Brethren. He knew it would need very few words from him to recommend it to the brethren of the Lodge, as it was always an acceptable one. He trusted all would unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. On looking round he felt they had been endeavouring to do this, for he saw in the face of each an appearance of having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He felt that the mystic ties of Freemasonry would prove a great power in the future, and would be of great advantage to coming generations. In support of this, he referred to the great number of Masons all over the world, but more particularly in the United States of America, where there were no less than half a million members in the various Lodges. They had among them a Brother from that part of the world, another from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and others who were associated with their own centre, all of whom they were pleased to honour and welcome among them. Bro. Fisher assured the brethren he rose with pleasure, and felt honoured at being called upon to respond to this toast. As an Officer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he would crave the indulgence of the brethren while he placed before them some particulars of the position at present occupied by that Grand Lodge. He knew it would not vie with that of England; but during the last few years it had been speedily recovering from the effects of past misfortunes. The Masons of Scotland had been endeavouring to raise their Grand Lodge from the chaos into which it had been plunged, and under the present Grand Master—Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart—they were progressing most satisfactorily. He hoped this improvement would continue, and that, by degrees, they would be able to improve the position of Scotch Masonry. Bro. Bradshaw also replied. Bro. Allen P.M. proposed the Masonic Charities. All Masons, he said, took a deep interest in the great Charities associated with the Order. Although they had not yet had occasion to appeal to either of them on behalf of any of their members, he was pleased to think there were many really worthy brethren who were relieved by their means. Bro. Hine responded. He referred

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to the support given by East Lancashire in the past and at the present time, and pointed out the very great amount of benefit they were at the present time receiving from the London Institutions. He considered the policy of the neighbouring Province of West Lancashire, who were accumulating a large fund, was not so beneficial as that practised in their own district, where they desired to do as much good as possible while they lived, and left those who came after to provide for themselves. Bro. W. Slater proposed the Past Masters. As a young Lodge, they were very fortunate in securing among their original members a great number of Past Masters. He felt they would never be out of debt to those brethren who had in the past occupied the chair of the Lodge. Bro. T. H. Brown gave "the newly invested Officers." No matter what good men had gone before, he thought they would always find good men spring up to fill their places. He considered it was well they should have a goal, as a prize they might try to attain. It should be the effort of every brother to fill office in his mother Lodge, and in that position to do what he could for the good of the Lodge and its members. Prosperity to the Albert Victor Lodge was the next toast given, and then the W.M. proposed "the Masonic Press." The Press, he said, was a great power for good or evil, and all depended on the men who wielded the pen. The Masonic Press was particularly fortunate in those presiding at its head, and he hoped such would always be the case. Bro. Morgan acknowledged the toast, and this was followed by the proposition of the usual compliment paid to all poor and distressed brethren; after which, "to our next merry meeting" was drunk, and the brethren separated. We cannot conclude this report without bearing testimony to the excellent way in which the banquet was provided and served. The catering was in the hands of Mr. Penwarden, of the Hare and Hounds Hotel, and the way in which he, or rather his good lady, who assisted him in the work, fulfilled the task, added greatly to the success of the meeting. We hope on many future occasions to have the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the brethren of No. 1773, and partaking of the good things provided by the host of the "Hare and Hounds." A word of praise is also due to Bro. Dale the Organist, to whom was entrusted the musical arrangements of the day. Both in the Lodge and after the banquet, this part of the proceedings was splendidly conducted; more particularly so in the Lodge, the effect adding greatly to the enjoyment of the day.

S.S. PETER AND PAUL'S LODGE, No. 1410.

THE Installation of the W.M. elect took place at the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell, on 9th inst. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. proposed that the Secretary be requested to communicate to Bro. C. W. Scriven P.M. P.P.J.G.W. the great regret felt by the brethren at his departure, with best wishes for his success, for his distant home, Australia. Bro. Frost having answered the usual questions in the second degree, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the candidate duly raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Lodge having been resumed in the second degree, the ceremony of installation was very efficiently performed by the W.M. Bro. T. Taylor, the W.M. elect being Bro. A. J. Coales. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Taylor I.P.M., L. Cooper S.W., C. Terry J.W., Rev. C. M. Ottley Chaplain, E. Carr Treasurer, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Secretary, B. Wilford S.D., J. Line J.D., J. Odell D.C., A. Egan Org., A. T. Bailey I G., E. J. Sanders and — Guille Stewards, G. Frost Tyler. Bro. T. Taylor was then presented by the W.M. with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. T. Taylor P.M., as a memorial of his efficient services, by the Brethren of the S.S. Peter and Paul's Lodge, No. 1410." The jewel was surmounted with a beautifully-worked crest of the Lodge, designed by Mr. S. Coales, of Newport Pagnell, and the whole was admirably and very effectively executed by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of London. The business ended, the members repaired to the market room, where an excellent spread was prepared by Host Cannon, and thoroughly enjoyed. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily acknowledged. These were followed by the health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg; the newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. J. Coales the I.P.M., Bro. T. Taylor; the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Rev. J. Y. Seagrave, of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford; and J. D. Coales, of the Buckingham Lodge, Aylesbury, all of which were very suitably responded to. The proceedings of the evening were somewhat curtailed, as the Lodge was compelled to postpone the annual banquet usually attending the installation to the meeting in January next, owing to the accommodation of the Hotel—which is undergoing a complete renovation after a fire—not being sufficient for the purpose required on that auspicious occasion.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. S. Godden the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by the following brethren:—James Weaver P.M., W. J. H. Jones P.M., A. Moore P.M., R. P. Tate S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., J. Collinson D.C., A. J. Bolton S.D., C. E. Packer J.D., F. Richardson I.G., D. J. Ross Steward, several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors: J. Carnaby P.M. 1382, R. Larchin S.W. 1541, W. Smith 1319, C. J. Fox 201, W. S. P. Marston W.M. 55, J. Gates S.D. 1599, H. Vaughan 1503, A. E. Gladwell S.W. 172, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, T. W. C. Jones 259, W. G. Dickins W.M. 860, T. Ormiston 1507, W. Ansell 30, W. Lake 131, J. C. Harper 619, J. Hyde 1178, S. B. Dodson P.M. 860, J. Kennard 145, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, J. Smith late 862, W. W. Wooden 933, J. Canham 199, &c. The new W.M. (Bro. Tate) having been installed, he invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Brown S.W., Bolton J.W., Kingston P.M. Treas., Weaver P.M. Sec., Packer S.D., Richardson J.D., Collinson I.G., Ross D.C., Ward Steward, Pike Treas. of Benevolent Fund, and J. Gilbert (for the 14th time) Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Irvine, who is a Steward for the next Festival of that Institution. After the Lodge was closed a banquet followed in the Crown-room of the tavern, at which Bro. Tate presided. The I.P.M. in proposing the health of the new W.M. referred to his known ability in the working of the Craft. He believed he was a Mason thoroughly appreciated by every one who knew him. Bro. Tate heartily tendered his thanks. He had always endeavoured, since he had been a member of the Whittington Lodge, to do his best, and if he had pleased the brethren he was extremely gratified. If, during the coming year, he could fulfil the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, he should be most happy. The proposition of the next toast the W.M. considered a very pleasing duty—it was the health of Bro. Godden the I.P.M. He was the brother who had introduced the W.M., and he (Bro. Tate) had followed him in the various offices, until now he succeeded him in the highest office of the Lodge. During the past year Bro. Godden had performed the ceremonies required of him with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. had very great pleasure in presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel, which had been provided by the members of the Lodge as a token of their esteem and regard. The jewel was a very handsome one, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Samuel Godden P.M., by the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, for his valuable services as W.M., 1879-80." Bro. Godden, in reply, felt he had had so much to say during the day that the brethren would forgive him if he said but little in response to this toast. He felt very grateful to hear the expressions of the W.M. He hoped in the future the Lodge would go on as prosperously as their reputation warranted. He greatly appreciated the mark of respect they had paid him in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, and hoped he had been worthy of it. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and acknowledged by Bros. Marston, Stiles, and others. To the health of the Past Masters, Bro. Jones replied; and toasts in honour of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers, having been given and acknowledged, the proceedings terminated.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 15th inst., at which Bro. W. D. Bailey W.M. presided. There were present Bros. F. Croaker S.W., W. T. C. Bush J.W., A. E. Staley S.D. (the J.D. Bro. B. Barnett was unavoidably absent), S. Barnett I.G., J. Peartree Steward, John Constable P.M. Treas., Phil. Levy Hon. Sec. Past Masters Pare, Bloomfield, Barnett, Glackstein, and Gottheil, and a number of other brethren. The Visitors were Bros. Groner W.M. 1613, Hollis P.M. 167, Mickley P.M. 449, Guthrie, Goodwill 711, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa, Medwin J.W. 1613, Kanffman D.C. 1732, Vallentine 1017, Silvester 193, R. Brown 1558. The business of the evening comprised the conferring of the Master Mason's degree upon Bro. Martin, to pass Bro. Tipper to the Craft degree, and the initiation of Mr. Emannel Charles Josephs into the ancient secrets of the Order. Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M. was appointed Organist in the room of Bro. George Bilby P.M. deceased. Bro. John H. Ross P.M. was elected a member of the Benevolent Committee in place of Bro. M. Harris P.M. resigned. The Lodge was informed that the sum of £30 had been granted to assist a needy member, and £10 10s was voted to be paid to the Benevolent Institution. This sum will appear on the list of Bro. M. Bamberger, who will represent the Lodge at the coming Festival. The brethren then adjourned to partake of a "vulgar" but most substantial and satisfactory supper, after which the W.M. explained to the newly initiated that it was the custom in this and all kindred assemblies to give various Loyal and Masonic toasts, for Freemasons were essentially loyal, but as the evening was somewhat advanced he would follow the method adopted in similar circumstances, namely, to combine the three first toasts in one: "Loyalty to the throne, and devotion to the best interests of the Craft." In proposing the health of the Initiate the W.M. said the Lodge always received a newly-made brother with cordiality, and at once held out to him the hand of good fellowship. From his close attention and modest bearing during the ceremony, it may justly be hoped that Bro. Josephs will become a useful member and ornament of the Lodge. Bro. Josephs heartily thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they endorsed them, as also for the great honour they had conferred upon him that evening in permitting him to become a member of a most noble and ancient Order. He trusted that when further advanced in the various degrees, and in the knowledge of the teachings of Masonry, to be able to promote, to the best of his powers, the prosperity, and aid in upholding the dignity of the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors." To say that Visitors are always cordially welcomed in this Lodge was a stereotyped phrase, yet one hardly knew how to vary it. He could only say the Lodge was heartily glad to receive them, and he thought warm acknowledgments were especially due to Bro. Guthrie, of Port Elizabeth, from a Lodge which Bro. Constable visited during his sojourn in Africa,* for having sent our Bro. Treasurer back hearty and well, for he scarcely knew how the Lodge of Tranquillity would have fared without him. He

* The following incident occurred during Bro. Constable's visit at the Goodwill Lodge, Port Elizabeth. When the minutes were about to be read, the W.M. requested the visitor to retire, as some matters would have to be discussed in which a stranger had no concern. The W.M.'s ruling had, of course, to be obeyed; nevertheless Bro. Constable indignantly inquired whether a brother Mason, so well introduced and vouched for, was unfit to be entrusted with Lodge matters of any description? He left the Lodge, not to enter it again. Bro. Guthrie, his sponsor, retired at the same time.

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would couple with this toast the names of Bros. Groner and Guthrie. Bro. Groner, formerly a member, explained that the reason for his having withdrawn from the Lodge in which he had spent so many happy hours was, that belonging to the Ward of Cripplegate, he, in conjunction with several friends in the same Ward, concluded there was a desirability of having a Lodge of their own in the district, and of course became one of its founders. But the two Lodges meeting in the same week, he was unable to attend both, and hence had to relinquish the membership of one. Bro. Guthrie, responding, expressed his acknowledgments for the kind reception accorded to him. He had been highly gratified with the efficient working of all the degrees, in which not only the Worshipful Master, but also all his Officers excelled. His satisfaction was increased by the fact that he would be able to carry back to his Lodge, and Colonial Lodges in general, some new ideas as to the manner in which the business of a Freemason's Lodge should be conducted, for he had that evening learnt some lessons he should not lightly forget. He begged to be allowed to thank the Lodge for its hospitality, which he would be most happy to reciprocate should any of those present ever find themselves at Port Elizabeth. Bro. George Pare next proposed the health of the W.M. The gavel was entrusted to him to perform a very pleasant duty, and although he would not willingly forego the honour of its performance, he yet felt his inability to do justice to it. However, the worth and excellent qualities of the Worshipful Master being so well known and appreciated by all, somewhat relieved him of his apprehension that he would fail to express what ought to be spoken to honour this toast. The W.M., responding, said that all the degrees, charges, exhortations, &c., are as nothing compared with the duty of having to return thanks for one's self. He would, therefore, abstain from making a speech, but simply thank the brethren for their kindness and goodwill, and to assure them he highly valued their friendship. He trusted, as in the past so in the future, he would do nothing calculated to forfeit their esteem. He would now ask them to drink to the health of the Officers of the Lodge. This done, Bro. Croaker responded. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. The evening was greatly enlivened by some most excellent songs rendered by Bros. Constable, Silvester (Sidney Franks), J. D. Barnett, W. D. Bayley, Tipper, and A. C. Myers. Bro. J. D. Barnett recited the Garden Scene from the "Lady of Lyons," an effort which was much applauded.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 16th inst. Bros. Christian W.M., T. Clark S.W., Hand J.W., Dignam S.D., Polak J.D., Glass I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas.; F. Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Carr, Hardrodt, Floyd, Larter. After due observance of preliminaries, Brother Floyd was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and, after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for next meeting.

On Tuesday last, Bro. Clark rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Larter candidate. Bro. Carr then assisted Bro. Forss to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Hand assisted Bro. Forss to work the third section of the first lecture. Bro. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., at Bro. J. Hancock's, the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Piccadilly. Bros. Waugh as W.M., Crosland S.W., Willett J.W., J. Hancock Treasurer, F. V. Green Secretary, Smith S.D., Docker J.D., Hemming I.G., E. Farwig P.M. 180 Preceptor; Bros. F. Green, Richardson, Pink, Strokirk, Molo, Hemming, Burgess, L. Beck. Visitors—Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Outhwaite and Crosland Rothesay Lodge. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Green candidate. The traditional history was given in full. The third section of the third lecture was worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Farwig. Bros. Crosland and Outhwaite, of the Rothesay Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Crosland was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

Cranbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1658.—The inangural meeting of this Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when the ceremonies of installation and consecration were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, W.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Hon. Sec. 1580, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who appointed as his Officers Bros. E. Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.S.G.W. S.W., T. S. Carter P.M. 403 P.P.G.J.W. J.W., J. L. Mather P.M. 1580 P.P.G.D.C. D.C. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of consecration was rehearsed in Bro. Terry's usual able manner, Bro. J. R. Dare Prov. Grand Organist presiding at the harmonium. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Halford W.M. 1580 P.G.S.D. candidate. He appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. S. Webb S.W., William Baker J.W., J. H. Wane Treasurer, W. Webb Secretary, J. R. Dare S.D., H. T. Shillito J.D., Couchman I.G. It was proposed by Bro. Terry, and seconded by Bro. Mather, that Bro. J. S. Webb be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Terry, Bowyer, Mather, H. Cox, G. F. Cook, R. H. Halford, W. Webb, William Baker, J. S. Webb, J. R. Dare, Wane, all of 1580; Carter 403, H. T. Shillito 25, Miller 228, and Patmore 228. There were present as Visitors Bros. Quartly 228, Camden 228, Jackson 1037, Gladwell 1470, and Johnson 948. The Lodge will meet every Thursday evening, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at 8 o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. L. Mather, who has kindly consented to act for the present in that capacity.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE Annual Meeting of this Lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. There were present, Bros. John Douglass W.M., F. Clemow S.W., J. L. Jones J.W., Jas. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., J. J. Hyland S.D., W. Cook J.D., T. W. Deller I.G., A. Holt D.C., J. W. Smith A.D.C., and a numerous assemblage of the brethren and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Levi Jacobs J.D. 1732, B. Kauffman D.C. 1732, F. Silvester 193, C. J. Scales I.P.M. 1507, F. A. Kelly 1524, J. Gibbs 1580, W. Abrahams 1178, C. Baker 201, J. L. Edmonds 1507, H. J. W. Field 87, T. Pinn 860, Robt. Burleton J.W. 860, J. G. Thomas 871, P. Hornett 813, E. G. G. Bax 871, E. Dute 1446, A. N. Clemow 1589, W. Holland P.M. 157, Jas. Copelin 192, H. W. Clement 1589, Culverhouse 173, T. Burnett 1614, W. Liall W.M. 1507, W. J. Burgess S.W. 1402, H. J. Webb P.M. 72, R. W. Key 108, F. Jesse 453, J. L. Wilkes 177, E. Swanborough I.P.M. 1319, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the former meeting and two emergencies read and confirmed, Bros. Mugford and Price were raised to the third degree. Bros. J. Keast, W. C. Laing, J. Foster, and R. T. Wall were passed to the second. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the flourishing state of the Lodge accounts—there being £48 15s 9d in the hands of the Treasurer—was submitted and approved. Bro. F. H. Clemow S.W. and W.M. Elect was then presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters having been opened, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Douglass, in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were no less than 14 W.M.'s. and P.M.'s present, and Bro. Clark A.G.P. made a most efficient D. of Ceremonies. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and appointed and invested his Officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. Douglass I.P.M., J. L. Jones S.W., Hyland J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, Cook S.D., Deller J.D., Holt I.G., J. W. Smith D.C., Jakes A.D.C., Sillis W.S., J. Johnson Asst. W.S., J. C. Smith Org., C. Koester P.M. Tyler. The marks of approbation on the investiture of each Officer showed the W.M. had made a very excellent selection. Ballots were subsequently taken for the admission of Messrs. A. E. Wauthier, Barking, and J. S. A. Wilkes, and the result being in their favour, the first and last named gentlemen, who were in attendance, were duly initiated into the Order by Bro. J. Douglass I.P.M., who by the courtesy of the W.M. was permitted to occupy the chair. The remaining business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which, we regret to say, was neither well nor punctually served. It is not often that the unpleasant duty of finding fault devolves upon us; but in the case of the Royal Savoy Lodge on this occasion, a long wait was followed by a dinner which would have cast discredit on a fourth or fifth-rate hotel, the shortcomings being as worthy of remark as they were numerous and annoying. We sympathise with Bro. Clemow under the circumstances, seeing that his merits as a caterer are generally recognised. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally proposed and honoured, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Clarke A.G.P., who referred in glowing terms to the two most brilliant events of the present year—namely, the laying of the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, with Masonic ceremonial, by His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and the banquet given at the Mansion House by the then Lord Mayor, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Junior Grand Warden of England, to the same illustrious brother. On Bro. Douglass, as I.P.M., devolved the duty of proposing the health of the W.M., whom he congratulated on his attaining so high a position in the Craft, and who, from the slight opportunity they had that day had of forming a judgment, he believed would prove a worthy occupant of the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Clemow expressed his thanks for the honour done him. Such efficiency as he might be able to exhibit would be due to his association with the able brethren who had preceded him as Master. He should exert himself to fulfil his duties, and he thought it likely that with so many discreet advisers to consult, and such energetic officers to assist him, he should get through his year of office with some degree of success. He then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Douglass with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held, as well as in recognition of his services in the chair. He (Bro. Clemow) had great pleasure in performing this part of his duty that evening, and also in proposing the toast of his health, both as I.P.M. and Installing Master. Bro. Douglass acknowledged the gift, and the complimentary manner in which his health, as well as that of Bro. Willing, the other P.M., had been proposed and received. Then followed the toasts of the Visitors, on whose behalf Bros. Swanborough, Webb, Holland, Ferguson, Morgan, and others replied, and of the Initiates, which Bro. Wilkes, in a short but excellent speech, acknowledged. Due honour having been paid to the Treasurer and Secretary, as well as to the Officers of the Lodge, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several songs were sung in the intervals between the speeches by Bro. Silvester and others. The absence of Bro. Willing caused general regret, and much sympathy was expressed for him in the circumstances which had made it necessary.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The brethren met on the 14th November, at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bro. Briggs, W.M. of the parent Lodge, occupied the chair, with Bros. Burgess S.W., F. Silvester J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., Birrell S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., B. Kauffmann I.G. Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiation were rehearsed in a very excellent manner; Bros. Solomons, Jacobs, and Strokirk were the respective candidates. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the next assembly, and the brethren adjourned till the next week, at 7 o'clock.

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MARK MASONRY.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. the Rev. Wm. Vallentine W.M., R. W. Hollon P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. Todd P.M., J. Murray P.M. Star in the East, S. Middleton P.M. Star in the East, Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., J. S. Cumberland J.W., J. T. Wilkinson, G. Ayre, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, M. Millington, A. Hanson, W. B. Dyson, J. Redfare, and other brethren and visitors. Bro. W. Coltman W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., after which a ballot was taken for election of Master, resulting in the unanimous choice of the brethren falling on the S.W. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., P.M. De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Ripon. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Those brethren having thanked the Lodge for the compliment bestowed on them, Bro. Pearson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. Millington and W. B. Dyson were appointed Auditors. Bro. O. Marshall Eboracum Lodge 1611 was proposed as a candidate, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, and was attended by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. Venn W.M., J. Moon S.W., Pargeter J.W., Nicholls I.G., Date, Pitt, Gimingham and others, with Bro. Turquand Preceptor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of advancement, assisted by the brethren. A resolution was passed agreeing to hold the first annual Festival in connection with this Lodge of Instruction on Monday, the 29th inst. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Pargeter was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, which was then closed and adjourned until Monday, the 29th inst., at 6.30 p.m.

We beg to remind brethren interested in the progress of the Mark Degree, that the Annual Festival of the Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday evening next, the 29th inst., at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, at 8 p.m. The Lodge will meet for work at 6.30, and afterwards adjourn to supper. Bro. W. H. Gimingham, 22 Montpelier-road, Kentish Town, is Hon. Sec.

We understand that there is every probability of an application being shortly made for a warrant for a new Mark Lodge to be held at Malton.

Walden Lodge, No. 1280.—The annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th November, when there was a full muster of the members of the Lodge, and several visitors were also present. The W.M. elect was Bro. Frank Everett Emson, and the ceremony of his installation was performed in the careful and impressive manner for which Wor. Bro. A. N. Jones P.M. P.P.G.J.W. is celebrated. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Newman S.W., Henry King J.W.; W. Bros. S. Leverett P.M. Treas., A. N. Jones P.M. Sec.; Bros. J. E. N. Whitlock S.D., B. L. Tandy J.D., E. Dudley I.G.; J. Bell P.M. and B. T. Thurgood Stewards. After Lodge, the brethren sat down to banquet at the Rose and Crown, a sumptuous dinner being served in Bro. Spicer's well-known style. In the course of the evening the usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and several brethren present assisted to enliven the proceedings by some vocal music.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 18th inst. Bros. H. Youens W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., E. Geflowski J.W., C. Andrews P.M. S.D., J. Wells J.D., J. J. Clarke I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Green, and Gasson. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Gasson candidate. The ceremony of the third degree was also rehearsed, with the same candidate. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The Lodge resumed to first degree, and Bro. E. C. Porter was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form.

On 25th. Bros. E. C. Porter W.M., J. Wells S.W., J. J. Clarke J.W., J. Green S.D., Smith J.D., C. Walter I.G., F. Botley, H. Stephens, and H. Mitchell. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mitchell candidate. Bro. F. Botley was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Prince Leopold Lodge of instruction, No 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday last. There were present—Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Fredk. Kimbell W.M., Aspinall S.W., Partridge J.W., also Bros. Goddard, McDonald, Robson, Smith, Loring, Seymour-Clarke Sec. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. McDonald candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Aspinall was then elected W.M. for Monday week, 6th December, it being resolved that the members of this Lodge of Instruction should meet on Monday next, 29th inst., at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, at 7 p.m., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. W. Musto P.M. 933 and 1349. A vote of thanks was unanimously given, and ordered to be recorded, to Bro. F. Kimbell for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the evening. Lodge was closed in due form.

BIRTH.

WILLING.—On Monday, the 22nd inst., the wife of Bro. James Willing jun., P.M. Royal Savoy Lodge, &c., &c., of a daughter (stillborn.)

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, F. Adlard, J. J. Berry, William Stephens, A. J. Duff-Filer, H. Massey, C. Spooner, W. F. C. Montrie, C. G. Brown, A. E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the recommendation of the House Committee, Mr. T. A. Howell was appointed honorary assistant Medical Officer of the Institution. The Chairman having stated that the School had now become very large, and as Dr. Howell, the Medical Officer, required assistants to help him in attending to the health of the children, his son now being his assistant the House Committee thought it expedient to appoint an assistant Medical Officer. Four petitions were then examined, and the candidates placed on the list for election in April next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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Rose of Sharon Senate (K.H.P.) No. 6.—The meeting for the installation of the Officers of the above Senate, for the ensuing year, was held at the Senate House, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the Grand Sec. Gen. of the Rite, R. Ill. Bro. James Hill 33 P.M.W. P.S.G.C., as representative of the Very Ill. Grand Master of Light for the Province of Middlesex. The following is the list of Officers for the year:—Ill. Sir Knt. William Stephens 32 P.M. P.Z. Sub. Grand Commander, Ill. Sir Knts. Henry Stephens 31 P.M. and Edward Harrison 31 Senior and Junior Knts. Interpreters respectively, Ill. Sir. Knt. John H. Southwood 32 P.M. P.Z. Knight of Eloquence, Ill. Sir Knt. W. J. Meek 31 W.M. Mk. 199 Knt. of Finance, Ill. Sir Knt. J. H. Peach 30 Knt. Recorder, Ill. Sir Knt. A. P. Little 30 Knt. Marshal, Ill. Sir Knt. Thomas Sims 30 Knt. Archivist, Ill. Sir Knt. R. Marshall 30 Knt. of Introduction, and Ill. Sir Knt. G. C. Young 30 W.M. 820 Organist. The Senate was opened and closed in the degree of Knt. Grand Inspector (20). The brethren subsequently partook of a cold collation served in the anteroom, at which the S. Grand Com. gave the usual Loyal and A. and P. toasts, which were heartily responded to.

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OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.

FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. At 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8, ANNE-MIE.

IMPERIAL.—At 8, LES BELLES VIENOISES. At 8.30, BILLEE TAYLOR.

ROYALTY.—At 7, WILD FLOWERS. At 8, BOW BELLS. At 9.30, DON JUAN JUNIOR.

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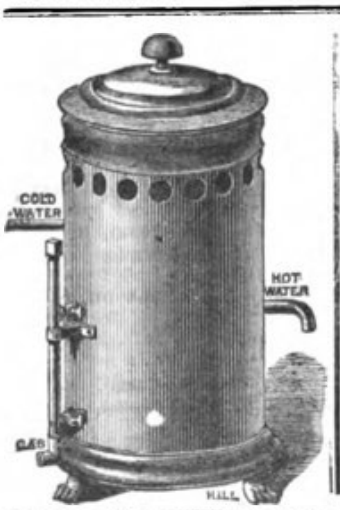
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Again, in *The Winter's Tale*, observe how Leontes evidently attaches the same meaning to the word when he says—

O that I had ever squared me to thy counsel.

And in *Measure for Measure* occurs the beautiful reproof given by the Duke to Barnadine, as one who—

Apprehends no further than this world,
And squarest thy life according.

We could almost be content to rest our claim to consider the Great Magician one of our brotherhood upon these last evidences; but we proceed, even although in our next illustration we find ourselves sadly admonished by learning that even Masons are sometimes not above taking advantage of each other, for does not Trinculo, in *The Tempest*, pleasantly justify theft by his droll remark—

We steal by line and level.

But let us endeavour to deal with the vexed question of oaths, about which we have heard and read so much of late. How striking are the words of Suffolk in *Henry VI.*—

A dreadful oath, sworn with a solemn tongue.

And again in the *Comedy of Errors*, where we read—

It is a branch and parcel of my oath,
A charitable duty of my order.

In *Measure for Measure* we not only obtain the following brief reference to the secret!

It is a mystery!

but we are darkly and impressively warned—

'Tis a secret must be locked within the teeth and the lips.

And in *King John* occur the following lines, which we are satisfied to quote without comment or remark of any kind—

And whisper one another in the ear,
And he that speaks doth grip the hearer's wrist.

Let us ask next if we can learn aught respecting the different grades and steps in the Order. Take two quotations. In *Henry VI.* we read—

Thou wast installed in that high degree.

Again, in *Twelfth Night*—

He's in the third degree.

In *Henry V.* we find a quaint passage—

Singing Masons building roofs of gold,

from which it would seem that our ancient brethren were accustomed to sing while at labour. Times are changed somewhat in this respect also. Our modern brethren take to their work sadly and decorously, and reserve their singing for refreshment.

But once more. Shall we make the attempt to discover any idea as to what the brotherhood was, then as now? Is it our desire that the world should be rightly informed as to the true meaning of the mystic tie? Then turn again to *Antony and Cleopatra*, and let Agrippa be our spokesman—

To hold you in perpetual amity,
To make you brothers, and to knit your hearts
With an unspilling knot.

Do we desire that candidates for admission into the Order should learn beforehand the fashion of their welcome? Let us turn this time to *Julius Cæsar*, and let Brutus speak for us—

Our hearts,
Of brother's temper, do receive you in
With all kind love, good thoughts, and reverence.

But we may, perhaps, be asked which, if any, of the prominent characters in Shakespeare's plays may with fair reason be adjudged to be of the Brotherhood. Shall they reply themselves? Will their own testimony be held sufficient? With whom commence? Surely, with Prospero, "the great," the potent Master—

Rapt in secret studies,
In the liberal arts without a parallel.

The Duke, in *Measure for Measure*, avows himself thus—

I am a brother of gracious Order.

Richard II. says of himself—

I am sworn Brother.

Whether or not *Othello* was a Freemason seems to be an open question; but we think we can claim Brabantio as one upon his own admission—

Mine's not an idle cause, the Duke himself
Or any of my Brothers.

Glendower, in *Henry IV.*, would appear to have been not merely a Brother, but a Welsh Brother, with strong Gladstonian proclivities. For example, when he enquires,

Shall we divide our right
According to the threefold order?

Benedick unmistakably was a Mason—we unhesitatingly pin our faith to him, for does not Beatrice, in *Much Ado about Nothing*, say of him—

He hath every month a new sworn Brother.

He was, doubtless, one of the most jovial members of a most popular and thriving Lodge, to which we confess we should ourselves much like to have been attached.

If we desire to represent how genial, how thoroughly hospitable a Brother can be, what better representative can we select than Bardolph in *Henry V.* List to his promise—

I will bestow a breakfast on you friends,
And we'll be all sworn Brothers.

Our old friend Pistol, in the same play, was scarcely behind in this hospitable feeling; indeed, he just steps in and supplies what was wanting in his Brother's kind invitation, when he says—

And liquor likewise will I give to them,
And friendship shall combine with Brotherhood.

But we have stretched our cable to its limits, and must now turn for a little while from the Operative Masonry of the past to the Speculative Masonry of the present, and it is here we venture to think is best discovered the fullness and perfectness of the Great Master's knowledge; it is here we obtain our most beautiful and touching illustrations.

We will suppose, in the first instance, the moral virtues ask for recognition. With very little search we are able to clothe a model Mason with them, and present him not merely "bearing the badge of Faith," but "keeping it firm and inviolable"—"strong as a tower in Hope"—and "bound by Charity"—

For charity itself fulfils the law,
And who can sever love from charity?

Next in order would come the principles upon which the Order is said to be founded, and in like manner we find them also noticed. Brotherly love: by the injunction "Use your brothers brotherly"—Relief: "Wherever sorrow is"—and Truth: "To the end."

For truth can never be confirmed enough,
Though doubts did ever sleep.

And yet once more the truly Masonic utterance,

I will find
Where truth is hid, though it were hid indeed
Within the centre.

A rapid reference to the cardinal virtues is all we can allow ourselves. A true Mason will ever "let his own discretion be his tutor"—"will acquire a temperance"—"endure out of the fortitude of his soul"—and "will be just and fear not." And of him may be said in truth—

His life is paralleled
E'en with the stroke and line of his great justice.

And lastly we will endeavour to see whether the Great Master in any way recognised "Virtue, Honour, and Mercy," as being the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason. There are those, no doubt, who agree with Bevis, in *Henry VI.*, that

Virtue is not regarded in handicraftsmen,

but we prefer to hold otherwise, and desire in conclusion to place on record our firm belief that there are good and true representatives of the Ancient Brotherhood of whom it can be righteously said, as regarding their daily lives and practice, that they "show Virtue her own feature," "hold Honour far more dear than life," and regard Mercy as "Nobility's true badge"—that there are those who can add conscientiously—

My Virtue is my privilege.
Mine Honour is my life.
I render deeds of Mercy.

And to whom do the well-known, oft-repeated, beautiful lines which follow appeal with more eloquence and force than to a Freemason? to whom are they more familiar? to whom do they convey the like meaning or the same teaching?

The quality of Mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

And thus for the moment our inquiry must end. The presentation, as a whole, is not an unfair or misleading one; and if in some few instances a bearing has been given to passages and expressions which may not possibly stand the test of severe critical analysis, yet enough is left, more than enough, fully to establish our claim. It has been explained how it came about the present examination was undertaken—more in light pleasantry than in sober seriousness: let it be sufficient to add that it was commenced with a pleasure, lasting to the end, which is reached with reluctance and regret. So much has been left unsaid that might have been well said—so much said that might have been far better said—so many points of interest scantily touched—so many left untouched altogether; still the object sought will be attained, if a gleam of pleasure has been conveyed to a single reader—if a grain of information has been imparted—or a thought communicated in harmony with the intention.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1663—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instructio n)

63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W
1662—Besconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
337—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 6. Annual Banquet
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 303—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, NO. 1101.

THE Installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. J. Early Danks P.G. Supt. Works Berks and Bucks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W. and W.M. elect, E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., Rev. C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., W. Hickie Organist, W. W. Ridley and Prickett Stewards, Newman I.G.; also Bros. Hurley P.M., Margrett P.M., Flanagan I.P.M., Collins, Ravenscroft, Rhind, Tegg, Wort, H. Ferguson, W. J. Browne, Beeton, Vowles, Cordery, Mare; together with the following Visitors—Bros. W. H. Ferguson 414, Lindars 1714, Moffatt 414, Tench 1225, Buckley W.M. 1501, Carless 140, Huckford P.M. 1328, Cox W.M. 1566, Butler Steward 414, Pocock P.M. and Treas. 414, Gadd 1247, Newstead I.G. 142, Oades I.P.M. 414, Knight W.M. 574, Yetts P.M. 414, Kirk P.M. 1687, Claridge S.D. 599, S. Bradley W.M. 414, F. J. Ferguson S.D. 414, R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Moxhay P.M. 414, Cantrell W.M. 771, Cozens Org. 907, Westall W.M. elect 1714, H. Ayres 414, Withers Sec. 414, &c. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Stephen Knight of Wokingham, and Mr. William Joseph James of Wellington College, as initiates, and in both cases it was successful. Mr. William Goff, elected at the last meeting, was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the Installing Master was announced, and the W.M. having resigned the gavel, introduced as his successor Bro. William Ferguson as W.M. elect. After the customary interrogations and replies, the candidate was referred to the Secretary, who read the ancient laws and regulations, to which unqualified assent was given. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Moxhay in his usual correct and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers, with an appropriate charge to each, as follows (the I.P.M. having been invested at the Board of Installed Masters): Bro. Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., Hawkes J.D., Browne D.C., Hickie Organist, W. W. Ridley S. Steward, Ravenscroft J. Steward, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the charges, and the ceremony was brought to a conclusion. Before the W.M. commenced the closing ceremonies, he addressed the Lodge as follows:—Brethren, you have already heard from the minutes of the last regular Lodge that a cordial vote of thanks was passed to my immediate predecessor in the chair, and that a Past Master's jewel was voted in recognition of his valuable services. (Turning to the I.P.M.,) he continued—Bro. Danks, I have now the gratification to present you with this beautiful jewel, and in fixing it upon your breast, to express the hope that you may be spared for many years to wear it in this your mother Lodge, as an ornament well earned, and as a memento of the very admirable manner in which you have conducted the ritual and working of this Lodge during the past year. The I.P.M., in reply, said—Worshipful Master and Brethren, twelve months since I had the honour of being installed as W.M. of this Lodge, to which you had kindly elected me, and I then promised, with your kind forbearance of my shortcomings, to do my utmost to fill that office to the best of my ability. This beautiful jewel and the vote of thanks kindly recorded on the minutes assures me that in my humble efforts I have not altogether failed. I thank you from my heart, and in vacating the chair this day my very best wishes are with the Grey Friars Lodge for its continued prosperity. And, Worshipful Master, as we are taught it is equally pleasant to give as to receive, I have great pleasure in offering to you, for the Lodge's acceptance, a pair of polished oak Deacons' wands, with silver emblems duly inscribed, as a small tribute of my regard for No. 1101, on my retirement from the chair. The W.M. rose and thanked the I.P.M., and at the same time placed the wands in the hands of his Deacons. The Secretary drew the attention of the Lodge to the case of a brother who was in circumstances requiring aid. Many of the brethren were acquainted with the case, and the W.M. recommended it to their favourable consideration. Bro. Margrett P.M. stated that he had inquired into it, and proposed that the sum of three guineas be given to the distressed brother. Bro. Flanagan P.M. seconded the proposition, and it was carried. After the proposal of candidates, and the usual salutations, Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Bailey in his usual excellent style, to which sixty-three sat down. Upon the removal of the cloth, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the I.P.M. rose and said—Brethren, the Worshipful Master has entrusted me with his gavel to propose what I consider may be justly termed the toast of the evening. I could have wished it had fallen into abler hands, but still, believe me, by no other could it be more cordially given than by myself. You are doubtless aware whose health I am about asking you to drink. It is that of our worthy and excellent newly-installed Worshipful Master. From the assiduity he has shown in the different Offices he has hitherto filled, we have, I think, a guarantee of what may be expected from him in his new and important position. I am sure you must have been pleased at the manner in which he invested his Officers to-day, and will unite with me in wishing him every success during the ensuing year. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the W.M. in reply said—Brethren, the reception you have so kindly given to this toast gratifies me very much, and encourages me to hope that you will bear with me in discharging the arduous duties of the chair, in which I have this day been installed. Succeeding such a Master as Bro. Danks, I felt very diffident in accepting the position; but with his kind and able assistance, upon which I rely, I hope to merit your approbation, and trust that in my hands the beautiful ceremonies will lose none of their excellence. The health of the I.P.M., of the Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay, and other toasts were given and responded to. The music, under the direction of Bro. Hickie, Organist, together with some excellent songs by Bros. Cozens, Robinson, and other brethren, helped to bring a most agreeable evening to a close.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,

THIS Lodge met at the Star and Garter hotel, Kew Bridge, on 19th inst., when there were present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Maton S.W., Gomm I.P.M. J.W., Blasby W.M. 780 S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Sperring I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Gunner Hon. Sec., Acworth, F. Botley, Brill (Host), Costelow, Dorey, Franckel, Geflowski, Gifford, Hilton P.M. Sec. 780, Kent, N. Wotton, Monson, and Underwood 780; together with Bros. Phillips 1512, and Edmeston 1612, Visitors. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting read, confirmed, and signed, Bro. C. E. Botley was unanimously re-elected to fill the chair of K.S. on 26th inst., and he re-appointed his Officers. Bro. Secretary reported that, in obedience to the wish of the brethren, he had conveyed to Mrs. Rands (the widow of our late Bro. T. Rands) their condolence with her in her recent bereavement, and that Mrs. Rands had desired him to express her appreciation of their kind sympathy. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren re-assembled in the fine hall in which the banquets are served, and did ample justice to the many good things provided for their enjoyment. On the cloth being removed, due honours were paid to the usual toasts, and then the W.M., in the name of the members of this L. of I. presented Bro. Hon. Secretary with a handsome dining-room timepiece, bearing the following inscription on a silver plate, under the dial:—

"Presented to Bro. J. J. GUNNER,
"By the Members of
"The ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 780,
"In recognition of his Services as Hon. Secretary of the Lodge.
"19th November 1880."

The W.M. of the evening, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and several other P.M.'s and brethren having offered a few kindly observations, all couched in flattering terms as to the manner in which Bro. Gunner had performed his somewhat arduous duties, and expressing hopes for his future health and happiness, Bro. Gunner, in accepting the present, said he felt at a loss fittingly to thank the brethren for their uniform kindness to him during his membership. He was grateful to them as a body, and to Bro. C. E. Botley individually, for their indulgence during his long illness last year. The W.M. and P.M.'s of the Mother Lodge, the Visitors, the Host, and the Press (Bro. Acworth) were duly toasted; while the musical members gave songs and recitations, and the proceedings closed about 11 o'clock. We must not let slip an opportunity of tendering to Bro. Gunner our most hearty congratulations on his having received so kindly but, at the same time, so well-merited a testimonial to the valued services he has rendered the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction in his capacity of Hon. Secretary; and we deeply regret that the numerous demands on our time prevented us from personally attending, and taking part in so interesting a ceremony.

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, on Thursday, the 18th instant. Bro. J. G. Defriez W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. Sturtevant S.W., Hadley Prestage J.W., W. J. Crutch P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary, Peall S.D., Chitson J.D., J. J. Berry I.G., together with Bros. Lazarus I.P.M., Henry Lloyd P.M., J. J. Ashburner P.M., J. Terry P.M., Harrison, Making, Clarke, A. Jones. Visitors: Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.W. Herts, John Mason P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Thomas Goode P.M. 1288 and 1677, together with a strong muster of other members and visitors. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for three candidates, which was unanimous in their favour, and two of them being present, were then and there duly initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. Thomas Lloyd, "mine host" of the Approach. In fact, it may be said to have far surpassed any similar provision of his of the same character, and that, it is well known, is saying a great deal in behalf of this occasion. In due course the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, after which Bro. Lazarus I.P.M. gave, in highly complimentary terms, the health of the W.M., who thanked his predecessor and the brethren present, the former for having spoken so highly of his merits, and the latter for having so cordially endorsed Bro. Lazarus's remarks. Bro. Defriez then gave the toast of the Initiates, who both responded. Next followed the toast of the late Treasurer, Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and after dwelling on his services during the eleven years he had held that important post, Bro. Defriez presented to him the testimonial which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. This consisted of a "Tantalus" liquor frame, a table kettle, and easy chair, and the selection of the articles showed great taste on the part of those who were entrusted with making it. Bro. Defriez further expressed the great personal gratification he experienced in being the medium for handing to Bro. Terry that testimony of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the Burdett Coutts brethren. Bro. Terry, by whom the presentation was entirely unexpected, then rose and endeavoured to the best of his ability to express his thanks for the gift, but words manifestly failed him to give expression to his feelings. However, he cordially thanked the members for their kindness, and trusted he might yet have many opportunities of furthering their interests. The other toasts, including those of the Past Masters and Visitors, were given and suitably acknowleged, and the proceedings came to an end. There was some good singing by Bros. Berry, Sturtevant, and others, which served admirably to fill up the intervals between the speeches.

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CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1769.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., as W.M. of this Lodge, took place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. J. Cooper, the outgoing W.M., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Stephens P.G.D.C. Middlesex, E. C. Mather P.M. 23, J. Farmaner P.M. 28, D. Crombie P.M. 28, J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, J. T. Robertson P.M. 55, H. C. Soper P.M. 704, J. F. Stone P.M. 1033, O. X. Oxley W.M. 1237, S. J. Cook 95, E. Bumpus 28, W. J. Heath 766, R. H. Johnson 1348, W. Green I.G. 1364, H. G. Gush J.W. 1541, H. Debane S.W. 1543, M. S. Rubenstein 1642, A. J. Acober 1801. Bro. C. W. Thompson was appointed and invested as S.W., Bro. H. W. Mayes J.W.; Bro. J. Stanley was invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Croxton was re-appointed and invested as Secretary. The Assistant Officers appointed were Bros. Soper S.D., G. Croxton J.D., T. Linscott I.G., Thompson D.C., Thomas (reinstated) Tyler. In consequence of its being Lord Mayor's Day, the Installation Banquet was deferred until the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern.

A Banquet to celebrate the installation of Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., as Worshipful Master of this Lodge was given on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. It will be recollected that the installation ceremony was performed on Lord Mayor's Day, by the retiring Master, Bro. James Cooper, but in consequence of the Civic festivities of that event the congratulatory banquet was deferred, for the convenience of the brethren and their friends. On Tuesday night there was a numerous assemblage to welcome the newly-installed Master, amongst the company being included several brethren holding high Provincial rank. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., who was supported by all his newly invested Officers, with the exception of his S. Warden, Bro. C. W. Thompson, who was prevented by indisposition from attending—a circumstance which elicited the heartiest expressions of sympathy and regret from those present, amongst whom were:—Bros. James Cooper I.P.M., H. W. Mayes J.W., John Stanley Treas. and Sec., John Soper S.D., George Croxton J.D., T. C. Thomson D.C., Thomas Linscott I.G., C. Thomas Tyler; William Goldsmith, Edgar Abercrombie, Arthur Abercrombie, and W. Hurran. Visitors—Bros. Mead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, the Rev. J. H. Smith W.M. 279 P.P.G. Chaplain Leicester and Rutland, David Crombie P.M. 28, Joseph Farmanor P.M. 28, Shearman P.M. 28, Neilson P.M. 28, Hawksworth W.M. 28, Linscott I.G. 30, Walford, C.C. (Chairman of the Loriners' Company) P.M. 177, H. Turner W.M. 1589, Robinson P.M. 55, Maurice S. Rubinstein 1642, H. Debare S.W. 1543, Pearse Morrison, C.C., 1218, Charles Beaumont W.M. elect of the City of London Lodge 901, George Felton P.M. 1056, A. J. Arober 1801, Robert H. Johnson 1348, William Green I.G. the 1364, and others. At the conclusion of a most excellent repast, the Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed in eloquent terms by the Worshipful Master, and received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. James Cooper I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, congratulated the brethren upon their wisdom in selecting of so excellent an Officer as Brother Grove. It redounded very much to their credit, because they had had an opportunity of seeing his admirable working in the offices he had filled prior to his installation, and they were, therefore, aware they could not make a more judicious choice. That he would fulfil the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all, and beyond the expectation of many, they had had abundant proof that evening, and he might add on Tuesday last. The manner in which he invested his Officers was something very delightful to see, and instructive to hear; and the crisp and brilliant way in which he closed his Lodge was such as they seldom witnessed in Freemasonry. Now they had had the opportunity of seeing the manner in which Bro. Grove had presided at the festive board, which was as near perfection as they could possibly wish. The Worshipful Master, who was received with loud and prolonged cheering, said he should endeavour to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties attaching to the exalted position to which, by the kindness of the brethren, he had been elected. He was very proud to occupy that position, and he thanked Bro. Cooper for the kindly wishes he had expressed towards him. He could not flatter himself that the working part of the business would bear microscopic reflection, though he should endeavour to make it so in the future. He could not lay claim to all the kindly and flattering remarks that had been applied to him by the proposer of the toast, though he thanked the company for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. He should endeavour, as the Master of the Clarendon Lodge, to carry out the tenets and traditions of Freemasonry to their fullest extent. His purse might not be as long as those of some who had preceded him, but his intention and ambition were equally as great and grand as theirs had been. He hoped to discharge the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, and to hand on the insignia of office to his successor unblemished and unsullied. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, said Bro. Cooper's working had been as creditable to himself as it had been enjoyable to the brethren. He had striven to do his best to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and had succeeded in gaining the sympathy and admiration of the brethren. This was no empty compliment, for Bro. Cooper had passed through the various stages in the offices of his Lodge, filling the chair with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren. He asked Bro. Cooper to allow him, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a Past Master's jewel which, in his (the Worshipful Master's) opinion, was a handsome one, and few Lodges in London had one more to be admired. This was the second jewel which had been presented to a retiring Master of this Lodge, and it gave him unfeigned pleasure to perform the task which devolved upon him. He then pinned the jewel to Bro. Cooper's breast, with the assurance that he had well earned the disinction; which he hoped the recipient might live long to wear, as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the members of the Clarendon Lodge. Bro. James Cooper, on rising to acknowledge the compliment paid him, was received with prolonged rounds of cheering. He said as they journeyed through life they filled various positions, each having its special duties and rewards. To-night he occupied a fresh position in Freemasonry, which, although gratifying, rendered it difficult to find language sufficient to express his gratitude for the honour which had been conferred upon him. He spoke in all sincerity when he said he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the Mastership of the Lodge to their satisfaction, and that he had succeeded had been demonstrated that evening by the kind and complimentary utterances of their W.M., and the hearty response the brethren made when Bro. Grove placed that jewel upon his breast. They were all aware that the hope of reward sweetened labour, but there was a jewel which had sweetened his labour far more than the splendid decoration which had just been presented to him, and that was the esteem, kindness, and good fellowship they had extended to him during his year of office. He should always continue to take a lively interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and should at all times be pleased to communicate Masonic instruction to any one who might stand in need of it. This brought vividly to his mind the valuable assistance he had received from Past Master Robertson, who had always taken a deep interest in the Lodge, and had rendered him the utmost possible aid in fitting him for the late installation ceremony. He trusted he might be long spared to work for the advantage of the Clarendon Lodge, and for the noble Charities of the Craft. The jewel, which was a very massive and handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. James Cooper, by the brethren of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, in recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties as W.M. 16th November 1880." The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, gave a cordial welcome to the Visitors, whom he was pleased to see in such numbers, and including so many officers of rank. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith W.M. 279 P.P.G. Chaplain of Leicester and Rutland, in responding, expressed the wish (which bade fair to be realised) that more members of his profession would attach themselves to the Craft, and enlarged, in eloquent terms, upon the beneficent principles which commended the Institution of Freemasonry to the religious section of the community. Bros. Mead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Walford P.M. 177, Robertson P.M. 55, Farmanor P.M. 485, also acknowledged the hospitable reception that had been accorded to the Visitors. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair, and acknowledged in a humorous speech by Bro. John Stanley. In proposing the health of the Principal Officers of the Lodge, the W.M. expressed regret—which he was sure would be shared in by all the brethren—at the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Senior Warden C. W. Thompson. He should inform him, however, on the morrow, of the cordial manner in which his name had been received on that occasion. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. H. W. Mayes and John Soper. Several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were varied with some excellent songs, Bro. Maurice S. Rubinstein lending efficient assistance as accompanyist.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE final meeting of the season, for the nomination of Officers and other business, was held on Monday, 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the genial presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Ginger. Amongst those also present were:—Bros. Charles Beaumont S.W., G. A. Cundy J.W., Henry Darcey P.M. Treas., Henry Harbord Sec., Alfred Parker S.D., John Hughes J.D., Ernest T. Hand Organist, W. Alder D.C., D. Hughes I.G., J. Woodstock P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s W. Lewis, J. Darcey, and A. Griffiths; R. P. Stevens, W. R. Haylock, H. Smith, F. J. Ford, F. C. Ford, George Smith, J. Roberts, Alfred Prince, R. Gillard, T. Baines, Fredk. J. Lawrence, W. B. Smith, William Waller, E. V. P. H. Harris, J. B. Turner, Henry Barwell, Thomas Hosking, R. K. Stubbs, John Bailey, William Dance, A. E. Thornton, E. W. Cundy, G. Rubardt, T. Barnes, A. Tame, H. Vernon Chichester, Henry Mortimore, E. W. McLachlan, William Alder, John Thos. Vears, W. Balcombe, J. Corkill, E. C. Wharton, W. Little, W. Hodgkinson, J. Vale, Charles S. Pinn, G. Chivers, C. J. Whitnall, Robert F. Whur, and Robert Clinch. Visitors—Bros. C. J. W. Davis 1637 P.G.D.C. Middlesex, F. Wellings 1055, John Hurdell J.D. 1348, F. Robert Ward W.M. 501, E. J. Lewis J.W. 754, A. Orton 1287, T. Saunders 1287, Stephen A. Cooper W.M. 1647, Walter S. Cooper 754, J. G. Luccup 1326, and B. Flower 902. Lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was prepared for Bro. George Smith, of the Arnold Lodge 1779, as a joining member, on the proposition of Bro. Parker, seconded by P.M. Bro. Darcey. The voting was unanimous. Three candidates were then ballotted for, and unanimously accepted, viz., Mr. Edward Lawrence, wine merchant, Bradford Bowers, Battersea Park-road, proposed by P.M. Bro. H. Darcey, seconded by P.M. Bro. G. Darcey; Mr. Arthur Geo. Thompson, linendraper, 5 Leith-terrace, Kilburn, on the nomination of Bro. A. Prince, seconded by the W.M.; and Mr. Frank Churchill, wine merchant, The White Lion, Warlingham, near Croydon, proposed by Bro. G. A. Cundy. Mr. Churchill, being present, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in masterly style. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bros. F. J. Ford, J. C. Ford, and R. P. Stevens were passed to Fellow Craft. Subsequently Bro. J. Roberts was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being ably carried through by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest expressions of approval and admiration. The election of Officers then took place, when Bro. Charles Beauchamp S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year, amidst general applause. Bro. Henry Darcey P.M. was re-elected Treas., and Bro. J. Woodstock Tyler. It was decided that a ball should be given, under the auspices of the Lodge, early in January, and several brethren volun-

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teered their assistance to the Officers as Stewards for making the necessary arrangements. Amidst general acclamation it was resolved that a ten guinea P.M.'s jewel should be presented to Bro. Alfred Ginger on his retirement from office, and congratulations were offered to him upon the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. This is the first jewel of such value that has been presented to any outgoing Master of the Lodge, and Bro. Ginger hesitated to accept it, alleging that the money should be devoted to charity. This, however, the brethren would not permit, it being urged that Bro. Ginger had well deserved this special mark of distinction, and appreciation of valuable service. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome throne room of the hotel, where a *récherché* banquet had been provided by Brothers Ritter and Clifford. The arrangements were, as usual, personally superintended by Mr. Sherwill, and Brother Henry Mills acted efficiently as toastmaster. At the conclusion of the well-served repast, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, the W.M. accompanying each by a few well-timed and happy sentences. P.M. Bro. Griffith, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he had great pleasure in doing so, for Bro. Ginger had well earned the esteem and admiration of all the members of the Lodge. The manner in which he had acquitted himself in all the various offices he had filled entitled him to the esteem and gratitude of the brethren, and that esteem had found demonstration in the valuable jewel which it was intended should be presented to him on retirement from the position he had so well and worthily occupied. The W.M., who on rising to respond, was greeted with most enthusiastic fire, said he was extremely obliged to P.M. Griffith for the kindly way in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. He could not say much about the working of the Lodge, because he could not lay credit to all the flattering remarks that had been made respecting himself. But he could conscientiously say he had had the success of the City of London Lodge very closely at heart, and had done his best to promote its welfare. He was happy to know that the Lodge was in a much better position than he found it four or five years ago, and he should ever continue to devote his best efforts to advance the prosperity of that Lodge in which he had experienced so much kindness and hearty goodwill. He paid a high tribute to the Officers who had so kindly assisted him in the performance of his arduous duties, and to the Past Masters who had rendered him invaluable counsel and aid in the discharge of his functions. He felt deeply sensible of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the presentation of a handsome jewel, being the first M.M. of this Lodge to whom a ten guinea jewel had been voted. He should always value it, and look upon it with feelings of gratitude to the latest day of his existence, as a mark of their affection and appreciation of his humble services, which should be continued in the interest of the Lodge. In turn he proposed the health of the Initiate, the toast being received with much applause. Bro. Churchill in responding, said he never felt so flattered in his life as by his admission into the Institution of Freemasonry, of which he should study to make himself an efficient and worthy member. The Worshipful Master elect then proposed the health of the Visitors, to whom he extended, in the name of the Lodge, a most cordial welcome. The toast was heartily received, and acknowledged by Bro. C. J. W. Davis P.G.D.C. Middlesex, and other Visitors. In giving the health of the Worshipful Master Elect, the W.M. said if Bro. Beaumont were not present he should have offered a far higher tribute to his worth than would be becoming in his presence. He could only say he was exceedingly glad to have so able an Officer to follow him in the chair, for Bro. Beaumont was a man by whose side he was very proud to sit. He had always found him most amiable, intelligent, and assiduous in his work, and had received great and valuable assistance from him. He considered the brethren had exercised a very wise discretion in unanimously electing him to the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect, who was cordially greeted, on rising to respond, thanked the W.M. for his kindly expressions, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. He felt very proud of the distinction which the brethren had conferred upon him, and assured them he should ever be solicitous for the welfare of the City of London Lodge. He hoped to receive from the brethren the kindly feelings which had always been so deservedly extended towards Bro. Ginger, and that at the expiration of his term of office he might be able to retire with the honours which marked the outgoing of their present W.M. The next toast from the chair was the health of the Past Masters, whose valuable aid was acknowledged by the W.M. in the warmest terms. Bro. Lewis congratulated the Lodge upon its prosperous condition, numbering as it did about eighty members; it was exceedingly pleasant to witness the harmony and fraternal feeling which pervaded the whole of the brethren. Bro. Griffith also briefly responded. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, commending them in suitable terms to the support and admiration of the brethren. The toast of the Ladies was gallantly acknowledged by Bro. D. Hughes, and the official programme was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital singing interspersed the speeches, and the proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious and enjoyable description.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. T. Briggs W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Stiles S.W., H. Higgins J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer P.G.P. Kent, L. Solomon S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., Gorringe I.G., Putland D.C., B. Kauffman Assist. D.C., and Past Masters W. M. Stiles and Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent. Bro. F. Saintsbury Secretary was absent, owing to indisposition. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tillbrook, having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. A. R. Amor and J. Bickley were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. F. C. Austin, and being unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated into the Order. The several ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. Saintsbury, the worthy Secretary, regretting his absence through illness, and expressing a hope he would be speedily restored to health. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren and Visitors sat down to a very excellent repast, supplied by Bro. Clemow. The Worshipful Master presided, and with his accustomed geniality proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. M. Stiles I.P.M. gave the toast of the "W.M." who, he said, had shown evidence of his ability. After a song by Bro. Silvester (Sidney Franks), the W.M., who was enthusiastically received, expressed his thanks to Bro. Stiles for his kindly remarks, and said he would echo the words of his predecessor—"The longer he occupied the chair the more he was proud of it." He then proposed the toast of the "Newly Initiated Bro," whom he congratulated on his reception into the Fraternity. Bro. Austin made an excellent speech in acknowledgment of the honour paid him in his new capacity as an E.A.P. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. Morrison W.M. 141 and other of the Visitors severally responded to the toast, one and all of them paying a compliment to the W.M. for his excellent working, and the admirable manner in which his Officers had supported him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, Bros. Knight and Michael, who had received Provincial honours, and Bro. Stiles P.M., who was not only an honour to that Lodge, but likewise to the others with which he was associated. Bro. W.M. Stiles responded to the toast, and said his services were always at the command of the Lodge. Bro. Michael also replied, and expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Saintsbury, Hon. Sec., whom they hoped to see on the next occasion. He remarked that though the Lodge was in its infancy, its condition was most prosperous. The toast of the Officers followed, the W.M.'s remarks being both apposite and complimentary. Bro. H. Stiles S.W., in a brief but appropriate speech, responded, and the other Officers followed. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Frank Clemow, W.M. elect of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and Bro. Arthur Clemow, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, and those brethren thanked the W.M. and all present for the compliment paid them. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The Visitors present were Bros. J. Strokirk No. 188, N. Vallentine 1017, F. Silvester 193, N. Lyons 185, G. B. Denham 534, Morrison W.M. 141, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817.—The usual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock by the W.M., Bro. G. J. Glasscock, who was supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.:—Bros. J. M. Farr S.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G. Chaplain J.W., C. Eltham I.P.M. Prov. G.P. Treas., J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G.D.C. Sec., S. M'Call Walker S.D., J. English as J.D., H. Church I.G., A. Martin Tyler, A. Lucking P.M. P.Z. Prov. G.D.C., J. A. Wardell P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.D., S. Turner, T. Bertram, G. A. Foster, G. Berry S.W. 1000, A. Betenson, T. Hamblin, F. Reed, J. Cockburn, C. Floyd. Visitors—Bros. J. Harrington W.M. 160, H. Harper S.W. 160, C. Purdon P.M. 36 (I.C.), T. F. Barrett J.W. 1000, J. Moroney 226, C. Worde Godfrey 160, and J. Taylor 1000. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. G. A. Foster and F. Reed to the second degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. Wm. Kirkwood into the mysteries of the Order. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

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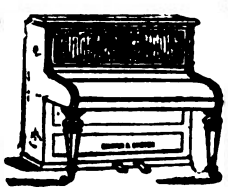
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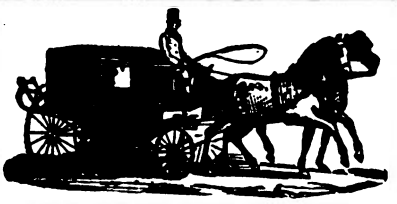
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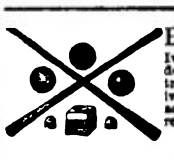
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OUR ROLL OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

IT will have been seen from the Agenda Paper which appeared in our columns last week, that the newest of the Lodges holding under our United Grand Lodge is numbered 1886, and it is just possible that in the six weeks between the date on which the last return of new Lodges was made up, and the end of the year the roll of Grand Lodge will have reached to No. 1890. This, however,—assuming our anticipation proves correct—will by no means represent accurately the number of Lodges in full working order which yield a willing obedience to our Grand Lodge. A glance through the list in the new Freemasons' Calendar will show there are some 130 Lodges which, since the last closing up in 1863, have been erased or have dropped from the Roll, either because they have transferred their allegiance to a newly erected Grand Lodge, as that of Quebec, or from some other cause. Hence we may take it there are, in fact, some 1760 Lodges, of which about 300 are held in the Metropolitan district, some 1,000 in the Provinces, and the remaining 460 in districts abroad or as Military Lodges. If we allow an average of sixty members per Lodge—which, by those who have looked into the returns for different Provinces and Districts and the Metropolis, will be recognised as a liberal allowance—we have a total subscribing membership in the Grand Lodge of England of over 105,000.

We have, in more than one previous article, dealt with figures in connection with this subject, but figures are always useful, and we do not know that we can do better than select the present occasion for submitting a fresh, but consistent, variation on the original theme of the condition of Freemasonry in this country. Premising that the numbers we are about to give are not exact, but approximately so, it is, for instance, interesting to know there are 330 Lodges still in existence, whose Constitution dates from before the Union of Ancients and Moderns. Only six Lodges anterior to this epoch have dropped or been erased from the Roll since 1863. There are remaining 140 Lodges warranted by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex during his Grand Mastership of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1814 to 1843. Twelve have lapsed since 1863, while, doubtless, many other Lodges established both before and after the Union, have been struck off, especially in connection with the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to say nothing of those which passed from the Roll in 1832. Of the Lodges warranted during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, there are still some 750 in working order. Apart from those which lapsed in 1863, there are one hundred which have passed to other jurisdictions, or are in abeyance or dead since that year. About 180 Lodges were constituted during the period of the Marquess of Ripon's Grand Mastership, which may be reckoned to have lasted four years. Seven of these at this present moment are somewhere else than on the Roll of Grand Lodge of England. Taking the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales as having endured during the six years 1875-80, both inclusive, we find that 360 new Lodges have been added to the list. The highest number for 1875 is 1528, the lowest for 1880 at Wednesday's Communication of Grand Lodge was 1886, the exact number constituted therefore during that period being 359. We have it on the authority of His Royal Highness that latterly the average annual number of certificates granted to new members of our Society has been 10,000. This, of course, represents an amazing increase to the strength of the Craft in this country, though to estimate the full value of our position, we should likewise be informed of the average annual retirements from active membership. It is also noteworthy that with the Masters, Wardens, and an average allowance per Lodge of three Past Masters for these 360 Lodges, the representatives in Grand Lodge have been increased by some 2200! If we proceed further with our analysis in respect of these 359 Lodges, it will be found that of the sixty-six constituted in 1875, there were fifteen which were added to the strength of the Metropolis, with thirty-seven new Provincial Lodges and fourteen new Lodges in Districts. In 1876, sixty-nine new Lodges were warranted, namely, twenty-five Metropolitan, twenty-eight Provincial, and sixteen Districts Abroad. In 1877 the number still further increased to seventy-three, of which twenty-six were Metropolitan, twenty-three Provincial, and twenty-four Foreign. In 1878, of sixty-five new Warrants granted, eleven were for the Metropolis, thirty-three for the Provinces, and twenty-one for Abroad. Fifty-three were constituted in 1879, namely, eleven Metropolitan, twenty-one Provincial, and twenty-one Abroad, while in the current year the number of new Lodges is thirty-three, of which fourteen have been added to the Provinces and nineteen to Districts Abroad. Thus in these six years, of the 359 newly constituted Lodges, eighty-eight are Metropolitan, 156 Provincial, and 115 Foreign. Not a single Lodge has been added to the Metropolitan District this year.

Perhaps it will interest our readers to learn how this increase has graduated in these six years. In the year 1874, when the Marquess of Ripon resigned his Grand Mastership—and with the whole of which for the sake of convenience we credit him—forty-five new Lodges were added to the roll, making, of the whole number constituted during his four years' tenure of office, as nearly as possible one-fourth part. In 1875, the first year the Prince of Wales was in office, the number was sixty-six, showing an increase of 47 per cent. on the preceding year. This rose, as we have shown, to sixty-nine in 1876, and reached its culminating point of seventy-three in 1877. In 1878 it fell to sixty-five; in 1879, to fifty-three; and this year, up to the present time, to thirty-three; or reckoning for the whole year, we may, perhaps, set down the new Lodges for 1880 as thirty-eight. We cannot but think this diminution is principally due to the additional precautions taken by the authorities to not unnecessarily multiply Lodges, especially in the Metropolitan area, where, as we have already said, there are, in round figures, some 300 already in working order. We will go further and say, that we think this greater caution must be largely due to the wise counsels of our late respected Bro. John Hervey Grand Secretary, who never missed the opportunity of pointing out, in his kind and therefore the more impressive manner, how necessary it was the utmost care should be taken in order to keep Freemasonry select, that is, as regards worthiness of character. That new Lodges should spring up in the Provinces and Abroad is but natural, especially in the case of the latter as applied to our Colonial possessions and dependencies, where new centres of industry are always being created and the old ones go on by leaps and bounds. It is noticeable, however, in the case of the Metropolis, that while the whole increase for the six years reached eighty-eight, sixty-six, or three-fourths of that number, were constituted in the first three years, and only twenty-two in the last three. A recapitulation of the actual figures for each year will prove instructive. In 1875, fifteen new Lodges;

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in 1876, twenty-five; in 1877, twenty-six; in 1878, eleven; in 1879, eleven; and in 1880, *none*.

We will now devote a brief space to the roll of Royal Arch Chapters. This contains as nearly as possible 600, each of which is attached to a particular Lodge, so that with 1760 Lodges—of which about 150 are not yet entitled to have Chapters—there are on the average about three Chapters to every eight Lodges. The distribution of the Chapters is as follows: in the Metropolitan District some 110, in the Provinces over 370, in Districts Abroad over 110. Comparing these figures with the Lodges, we find in the Metropolis the proportion is rather more than one to every three Lodges (110 Chapters to 300 Lodges); in the Provinces nearly two to every five (over 370 Chapters to 1000 Lodges), and in Districts Abroad, less than one to every four (over 110 Lodges to 470 Lodges). We do not know that, in the absence of further information, it is possible, even if it were desirable, to carry further the analysis of the Grand Chapter Roll and its comparison with that of Grand Lodge. We shall merely add, therefore, that though the work of Grand Chapter is done very quietly, the Degree has fairly kept pace with the Craft in respect of progress during the last six years,

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held, on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Lord Tenterden presiding. Bro. Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, as Past Grand Master. The Earl of Onslow was in his seat as G.S.W., Bro. Alston P.G.W. acted as G.J.W. Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) G.D.C., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Sir J. B. Monckton President of Board of General Purposes, Col. Creston G. Treasurer; Revs. Sir J. W. Hayes, J. Studholme Brownrigg, T. F. Ravenshaw, C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.'s, and C. W. Spencer-Stanhope G. Chaplain; R. F. Gould, J. H. Scott, Frank Richardson, and Col. Somerville Burney, Grand Deacons; Bros. Magnus Obren A.G.D.C., Charles Greenwood G.S.B., James Lewis Thomas, Capt. N. G. Philips, J. A. Rucker, J. M. Clabon, A. J. Duff-Filer, P. de L. Long, T. Fenn, S. Rawson, H. Grissell, James Glaisher, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., C. C. Dumas, J. M. Case, H. D. Sandeman, C. A. Murton, Joshua Nunn, Capt. Platt, G. W. C. Hutton, R. Grey, H. G. Buss, and about 300 brethren. After the reading of the minutes, Grand Secretary stated that since last Grand Lodge one of the brethren to whom a grant of £100 was made had died, and therefore the minutes would have to be confirmed with the exception of that grant. Bro. J. M. Clabon stated that, as several kind and good brethren at Liverpool had disbursed sums of money on behalf of the deceased brother since the £100 had been recommended to be granted, and that though the brethren could do nothing with regard to the matter that evening, he gave notice that at next Grand Lodge he should move that those kind brethren be reimbursed the sums they had laid out to an amount not exceeding £100. The minutes were then confirmed. Bro. E. Letchworth then rose and said the duty he was now about to discharge was one which would elicit the brethren's cordial and unanimous approval. Standing in that hall, it was unnecessary to remind any Brother present that during the past six years they had been ruled by the Illustrious Prince the Heir Apparent to the Throne, a Prince who, whether they regarded his exalted rank or his Masonic virtues, was fully entitled to their respect, their homage and their love. With these sentiments he (Bro. Letchworth) had the honour to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. Col. Shadwell Clerke then read the Report of the Committee appointed on the 3rd March, to enquire into the purchase by the Board of General Purposes of the freehold premises 57 and 58 Great Queen-street, adjoining the Freemasons' Hall. The result of the Committee's enquiry was that the Board had not proceeded according to the Book of Constitutions, which prescribed that such an expenditure should be first sanctioned by Grand Lodge; but that as immediate action was required to be taken when they found the property was for sale, and that any delay would have increased the price of the property, the acquisition of which was greatly for the benefit of the Craft, the Board having acted with perfect *bonâ fides*, the Board should be indemnified by Grand Lodge. Brother McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, moved, and Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded the reception of the Report, which was thereupon carried. The election of a brother to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Bro. Frederick H. McCalmont W.M. of No. 394 was the next business. There were two candidates, Bro. Henry Harben P.M. No. 92, and Bro. John Messent P.M. No. 231; but Colonel Shadwell Clerke informed the Grand Lodge that Bro. H. Harben had retired. Lord Tenterden then announced that Bro. John Messent was duly elected. He also announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. John M. Clabon again to the Office of President of the Board, and that Bro. Joshua Nunn and Bro. James Brett were duly elected as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents respectively. The Past Masters elected to serve on the Board were Bros. George P. Britten 183, Walter T. Christian 1662, Joseph D. Collier 1366, John Constable 185, Charles Dairy 141, Henry Garrod 749, Charles F. Hogard 205, John M. Klenck 1686, William Mann 186, Henry Massey 619, William H. Perryman 3, and Wm. Stephens 1489. The recommendation of grants by the Lodge of Benevolence were next confirmed, and the Report of the Board of General Purposes adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope G.C. obtained leave to bring on a motion which was not on the agenda paper, and said he supposed such a motion had never before been heard in Grand Lodge. It was the 1st of December, and the birthday of the Princess of Wales, who was beloved by every English man and woman throughout the world. He would therefore move "That the very best wishes of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to Her Royal Highness on this, her thirty-sixth birthday; and that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe in His great mercy to grant her many happy returns of the day is the prayer of the Freemasons of England gathered together in Grand Lodge this evening." The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and Lord Tenterden said the brethren had so warmly received it that it would not be necessary to put it to the vote, the brethren would all add their hearty good wishes to it. Grand Lodge was then closed.

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GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday, 30th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern. There were present:—Lord Henniker D.G.M. as G.M.M.M., Charles Stephens Dep. Prov. G.M. Berks and Oxon, as Deputy G. Master, Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., P.G.M. and Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Cheshire, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., as G.S.W., J. F. Tweedale as G.J.W., W. Roebuck, C.E., as G.M.O., O. H. Pearson as G.S.O., Capt. A. B. Cook as G.J.O., Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O., Reginald J. Mure and R. de M. Lawson P.G.S.O.'s, Revs. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., and W. Stainton Moses G.C.'s, Revs. T. F. F. Ravenshaw, M.A., and C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., P.G.C.'s, James Stevens P.P.J.O., F. Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander, M.A., G. Reg., F. Binckes G.S., D. M. Dewar Assistant G.S., G. J. McKay G.S.D., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.S D., Capt. Thomas Hargreaves P.G.J.D., C. H. Driver G. Supt. Works., W. T. Westgate A.G.D.C., W. Hudson P.G.D.C., S. Rosenthal as G. Sword Bearer, T. W. Adams as G. Standard Bearer, E. M. Lott as G. Organist, F. H. Cosens *P.G.* Organist, W. T. Clarke as G.I.G., A. D. Loewenstark P.G.S., A. Haynes, J. Smyth, and F. de Leliva G. Stewards, Henry Massey and Thomas J. Pulley P.G. Stewards, C. T. Speight G.T., J. E. de Le Fauvre G.S.W. Hants, E. Passawer G. Reg. Middlesex and Surrey, Thomas Benham G.S.D. Hants, H. Lovegrove G. Supt. Wks. Middlesex and Surrey, H. Baldwin Assistant D.C. do., J. R. Shearer G.I.G. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. W. Homann G.I.G. Berks and Oxon, H. George G.I.G. Lincolnshire, W. J. Meek W.M. 199, Rev. H. G. Morse W.M. 197, A. F. Godson W.M. 40, J. Reaney W.M. 53, W. Groome W.M. 205, W. Stephens P.M. 235, W. Klingenstein P.M. 22, E. J. Hoare M.O. 244, J. H. Peach Org. 199, A. J. Bristow D.C. 7, J. J. Marsh 199, James Harris 44, J. E. Wright 54, W. Winnett 239, and R. Procter 54. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of 1st June last, the Report of the General Board was taken as read. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. moved the first recommendation arising out of the Report:—"That a sum not exceeding £25 be granted to a brother from the Benevolent Fund." He stated the distressing circumstances of the brother who required relief, and said that they had been fully considered by the Board; the motion having been seconded by Bro. F. Davison, G. Treasurer, was carried. Bro. Portal also moved the second recommendation, by which Bye-Law No. 10 of the Educational Branch of the Benevolent Fund, was proposed to be suspended, and the children of Mark Masters who had not subscribed three years to an English Mark Lodge made eligible for education out of the Fund. Bro. Portal stated that there was only one boy now on this Fund, which was of considerable amount, and that the Board had considered that it might be applied towards the education of the children of brethren who, though they had not subscribed three years to a Mark Lodge, had done much to promote the interests of the Order. The Bye-law could be re-enacted when the applications became too numerous. The motion was seconded by Bro. F. Davidson G.T., and carried. The third recommendation—"That the following Clause be added to the Book of Constitutions, to follow Clause No. 89," was referred back to the Board:—"Brethren who have deserved well of the Order, or of a Lodge, may be admitted as Honorary Members of a Lodge under the same conditions as subscribing members. But Honorary Membership shall convey no rights or privileges beyond that of being present at Lodges, or attending banquets on payment of the same fee as subscribing members." Bro. Portal, in moving the fourth recommendation—"That as the tenancy of the offices of Grand Lodge, at No. 2 Red Lion Square, will expire on 25th March 1881, the General Board is hereby empowered to make all such arrangements, and, if necessary, to incur such expenditure as may be requisite for providing proper offices. He asked the Lodge to place such confidence in the Board as to give them the power of doing what was necessary; it would be too late to come to Grand Lodge next June for these powers. Bro. Davison seconded the motion, which was put and carried; the Report was then adopted. Bro. Godson nominated Lord Henniker as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were presented with Charity jewels and bars:—Bros. Daniel Ace, D.D., 227 (Bar), T. W. Adams 223, J. E. Anderson 13, Thomas Benham 54, Fredk. Binckes (Bar), Alfred J. Bristow 7, Rev. C. R. Davy P.G.M. Gloucestershire (Bar), W. Klingenstein 22, W. F. Lamouby 229, C. S. Lane 39, E. C. Mather Old Kent. S. Mathison 11, George Newman 1, Christ. Park 247, E. Passawer, LL.D., 5, (Bar), Thomas R. Peel 34, Thos. J. Pulley 235 (Bar), E. L.

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Shepherd 225, H. R. Cooper Smith Berks and Oxon (Bar), James Smyth 44, J. F. Tweedale 171, Aug. Walton 144, Wm. Watkins Monmouthshire, Alfred Williams 104 (Bar). Grand Lodge was then closed.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (T.I.)

The annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong W.M., assisted by the Officers. Bro. T. J. Armstrong Past Grand Steward Prov. G. Sec. W.M. Elect, was then presented to Bro. W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.W, the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. This having been performed according to custom, the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Dr. Luke Armstrong I.P.M., R. L. Armstrong S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., W. E. Franklin P.M. Chaplain, John Wood M.O., J. S. B. Bell S.O., S. M. Harris J.O., R. Locke Treasurer, J. Usher Reg. of Marks, G. J. Place Secretary, W. S. Hughes P.M. D.C., C. B. Ford S.D., E. Marston J.D., Seymour Bell I.G., W. H. Dunn Organist, R. C. Symons S.S., R. Veitch J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—A special meeting of the above was held, at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, on Monday, the 29th ult., when the chair was occupied by Bro. H. Venn, Bro. Moon was S.W., H. Dicketts J.W., W. B. Date M.O., Graveley S.O., Pargeter J.O., Ramsay S.D., Griffith J.D., Pitt I.G., and Bros. D. M. Dewar, Dr. Sigismund, Haynes, Nicholls, and several other brethren; Turquand Preceptor, and Gimingham Sec. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of advancement, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Money acting candidate. Seven brethren were admitted members. The Lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to an excellent supper, provided under the auspices of Bro. Silvestre, in celebration of the first annual Festival of the Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Turquand, who, in response to the toast of his health, congratulated the brethren upon the great measure of success which had attended the operations of the Lodge, as testified to by the considerable number of members already enrolled, and by the large meeting he saw before him. He referred to the prophecies of failure with which the inauguration of the Lodge had been met, but he considered failure impossible if the earnestness displayed during the past year were continued. He urged the members to make every endeavour to bring in other brethren, and particularly desired that Masters of Lodges would impress upon their Officers the necessity of practising their several duties, for which this Lodge of Instruction offered such good opportunities. The toasts of Success to the Mother Lodge, responded to by Bro. H. Venn W.M., and the newly joined Brethren, replied to in felicitous terms by Bros. Dr. Sigismund, Pargeter, and Graveley, the Secretary, and others, followed, the brethren separating after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE ZEALANDINA MARINE LODGE, No. 261.

SOME months back several Mark Master Masons resident at Port Chalmers determined to establish a Lodge under the English Constitution there, and to that end forwarded an application to the Grand Mark Lodge of England for a warrant of Constitution. This was numerously signed, and on arrival at Home was laid before the M.W.G.M.M., who at once graciously acceded to the request, and issued a warrant authorising the petitioners to meet under the style and title of "The Zealandia Marine Lodge, No. 261."

In due course the warrant reached Port Chalmers, and the members having made all necessary preparations, decided upon consecrating and dedicating the new Lodge on Wednesday, 15th September, at 8.30 p.m. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles de Longueville Graham, with the assistance of his Officers, and after a candidate for the Mark degree had been regularly advanced, the business of the evening commenced. The Lodge at this part of the proceedings presented a very beautiful spectacle, the building, which is exclusively devoted to Masonic purposes, being appropriately decorated, while from the numerous attendance of members and visitors (some of whom came from considerable distances) the scene presented a very animated appearance. Among the Mark Lodges represented were the "Copley" and "Beaconsfield," E.C., "Greenock St. John's," No. 17, S.C., "Kilwinning Otago," No. 116, S.C., and "Shamrock" Lodge, I.C. The dais was occupied by the W. Brethren T. S. Graham P.M. I.C., W. Caldwell, S. T. Kerr Campbell P.M.'s, and others. An efficient choir under the leadership of Bro. J. Ross was present, and the musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. A. Bott Organist of the Lodge. Throughout the consecration ceremony the necessary details were under the supervision of Bro. W. L. Buchanan, who was indefatigable in his efforts to carry out the ceremonies with success.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of the choir sang the 133rd Psalm, and the following prayer was offered by the Chaplain Bro. R. Bouchop:—"Grand Overseer of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to erect this Lodge and now solemnly consecrate it to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Name."

After this prayer the choir chanted the sanctus, "Glory be to God on High," and the Worshipful Master proceeded to sprinkle the consecration elements—corn, wine, and oil,—the choir chanting the Old Hundredth Psalm, the dedicatory prayer being delivered by the Chaplain as follows—"Grant, O Lord our God, that those who are now about to be invested with the Government of this Lodge may be endowed with wisdom to instruct their brethren in their duties, and that, marking well Thy holy commandments, they may glorify Thee in all their works. Bless all our brethren wherever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed. We commend, O Great Overseer of the Universe, to Thee all the members of Thy whole family. May the genuine tenets and principles of our profession ever distinguish them, and lead them to increased knowledge of Thy Divine precepts, and the love of each other. Finally, may we, when we have finished our work here, receive Thy approving mark, and have our transition from this scene of our earthly toils to that spiritual mansion above, that Heavenly temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss ineffable and eternal." The choir again chanted, "So mote it be," and "Glory be to God on High," with the anthem "To Heaven's High Architect all praise," and the Worshipful Master declared the Lodge consecrated and constituted. After this part of the ceremony an anthem was rendered by the choir. The grace cup was then passed round the Lodge, and the dedicatory ceremony was brought to an end.

The Officers of the Lodge were presented for investiture, and this part of the ceremony was ably performed by the R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell P.M. No. 116 S.C., who placed the distinguishing badges of their respective offices on the following brethren:—Bros. R. Ritchie S.W. W. Murray J.W., J. A. D. Adams M.O., S. de Leon S.O. (by proxy), W. L. Buchanan J.O., R. Bauchop Chaplain, C. G. V. Leijon Treasurer, J. W. Cumming Secretary, C. L. Arnesson R. of M., G. L. Asher S.D., C. N. Schumacker J.D., A. Bott Organist, G. Boaz I.G., T. Brebner Tyler, J. Johnston Steward.

The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the visitors and members were entertained by the Master and Officers.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 6th December, commencing at 7 p.m precisely. Bros. George Davis W.M. 167 W.M., Hemming 1287 S.W., Side W.M. 1507 J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, S.W. 1507 Preceptor. First Lecture:—Bros. A. Hubbard, W. M. Stiles, C. Taylor, W. Side, J. C. Smith, Hemming, and Gush. Second Lecture:—Bros. T. C. Edmonds, H. De Hane, E. Pelikan, R. Larchin, and E. A. Dutton. Third Lecture:—Bros. E. F. Pierdon, F. W. Sillis, and Edwin Storr.

Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN JOHN MARCH, OF YORK.

WE regret to announce the death of Bro. John March, of York, which took place somewhat suddenly, at his residence in that city, on Tuesday, the 26th November, in his 73rd year. Bro. March was one of the oldest members of the York Lodge, No. 236, having been initiated on the 19th of November 1849. From the time of his initiation he took a warm interest in the Lodge with which he was associated, and after having served the minor offices, was elected to the Worshipful Master's chair in December 1858. He was also one of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in York, towards which he was a liberal subscriber, and was ever ready to identify himself with any movement having for its object the good of Freemasonry. Bro. March was also a member of the York City Council, in the proceedings of which he took a very active part; he entered the Corporation in 1849 as Councillor, since which time he has sat continuously in the Chamber, being, at the time of his death, with the exception of Bro. Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.G.S.W., the oldest member of the Corporation. In 1871 he was elevated to the Aldermanic bench, and in 1873 served the office of Lord Mayor. During his mayoralty the installation of the Earl of Zetland, the present popular Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, took place in the City of York, under the auspices of the York Lodge, when Bro. March placed at the disposal of the Province the state rooms of the Mansion House and the ancient Guildhall, in which the ceremony was performed. On the occasion Bro. March was appointed to the office of Senior Provincial Grand Warden, amidst the warmest expressions of approval from a large concourse of brethren. Bro. March was greatly esteemed by a wide circle of friends, and by his lamented death the York Lodge and the Province of North and East Yorkshire have lost one of their most venerated and respected members, and the city of York one of its most valued citizens. The funeral of Bro. March took place at the York Cemetery on Tuesday last, his remains being followed to the grave by the Lord Mayor and Corporation, the magistrates, and a large number of prominent citizens. Amongst the brethren who attended to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed brother were Bro. W. H. Gainforth W.M.; Past Masters Bros. R. W. Hollon, Sir James Meek, Rev. J. E. M. Young, William Lawton, R. Davison, Jos. Todd Treasurer, George Balmford, Swann Maltby, F. Rawling, A. Buckle, T. B. Whytehead; Bros. J. Sykes Rymer J.W., George Kirby Secretary, Alderman Jos. Terry, Alderman George Brown, Alderman W. Varey, E. Oates, M. Varrill, T. S. Camidge, Thomas Hopkins Organist, E. Houlden, William T. Gowland, Jos. Wilkinson Town Clerk, H. Churchill I.G., Turner, George Browne, George Garbutt, J. Saville, John Ives, W. Wilson, T. G. Hodgson, Alfred Hanson, J. Young, W. Smith, F. Bland, W. Nicholson, Henry Scott, J. Redfare, and many other brethren.

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THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen in a recent number of your valued journal a brief account of the last regular meeting of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534; but with your kind permission I will supplement the necessarily scanty details it was in your power to give with some particulars of the business that was despatched on the occasion. I had the good fortune to be present, and consequently heard the very general expressions of regret among the members at the unavoidable absence of your esteemed representative. I beg, therefore, to offer myself up as a victim at the altar of the deity—I do not know his name, but I think it must be Mercury—who watches over the destinies of Reporters. Possibly, my expiatory sacrifice may succeed in allaying his anger at the meeting of the Polish National having, in this instance, unavoidably received so small a measure of notice in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Even Mercury is powerless to distribute a reporter among several Lodges on one and the same evening. But without further preface let me at once enter upon my self-assumed character of your representative, in the hope that, albeit I am but a miserable amateur player of the part, my information may prove of interest to your readers.

After the usual preliminaries in opening the Lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Dr. Jagielski W.M. set himself to the task of raising Bros. Culverhouse and Ernest A. Rüntz to the sublime degree of M.M., and those brethren having given the requisite evidence of their proficiency, were entrusted and retired, and the Lodge was raised. On their re-admission the ceremony was ably and impressively rendered by the W. Master and his Officers—in a manner, indeed, which evoked expressions of delight from all present. In the meantime Bro. A. H. Rüntz arrived on the scene, and he too, after having undergone the needful course of interrogation and preparation, was raised to the same degree, the ceremony being quite as finely and impressively rendered in this as in the previous instances. Certain motions relating to the internal arrangements of the Lodge having been discussed at considerable length, Lodge was closed after a very protracted sitting, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The brethren then sat down to dinner, under the presidency of their genial chief, and as you have already noted, a most pleasant evening, enlivened by a most commendable programme of music, was spent. I should mention that after the toast of the Visitors had been given and responded to, Dr. Jagielski decorated the three new Master Masons with the Polish Eagle, which all members of the Lodge of that degree are permitted to wear, and, in pinning the jewels on the breasts of the respective M.M.'s, the W. Master gave a full and interesting history of that decoration—similar to the one delivered by him in Lodge on the evening of his installation in the chair—as well as an explanation of its significance as an emblem. It may be as well to add that there are now three members of the Lodge—the Bros. Rüntz—who are not only brethren by birth but brothers in Freemasonry, the eldest of the three having already attained to the post of Senior Deacon. Dr. Jagielski likewise paid a well-merited tribute of respect to Bro. Saegert, P.M. of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, who was present as a Visitor, and who, in a long course of years has by his able instruction—conveyed in a friendly and fraternal way—succeeded in providing the Polish National Lodge with a succession of model specimens of W. Masters and Officers; and this compliment was not only acknowledged, but reciprocated by Bro. Saegert, who congratulated the Master and his Officers on their highly admirable working that evening. Bro. Jagielski further stated that he had succeeded in obtaining grants of £15 and £20 respectively from the Lodge of Benevolence, the former in aid of a brother who was desirous of going to Edinburgh in search of work, and to see after his family. Both he and his colleague in distress had also been assisted out of the funds of the Lodge—one of them for the second time.

Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. Paas P.M., Nowakowski P.M., Rath P.M., Cumming P.M., Ebner P.M., and Aspinall I.P.M.; among the Visitors Bros. Saegert P.M. 548, C. W. Hudson W.M. 1540, and P.M. 315, H. W. Alford S.D. 228, H. Clark 788, J. W. Baldwin 1692, W. Kingham P.M. 1507, M. H. Baker 1732.

Trusting my *début* as a reporter may prove satisfactory,

I remain fraternally yours,

Q. E. D.

[We beg to thank our worthy correspondent for his kind communication. To borrow his own expressive phrase "Even Mercury is powerless to distribute a reporter among several Lodges on one and the same evening," and our customary representatives were, unfortunately, pre-engaged on the evening in question. It is needless for us to speak of the pleasure, as well as instruction, we derive from visiting the Polish National, or, with the experience of many visits deeply impressed on our mind, with what cordiality we are always welcomed by the Master, Officers, and Members. It is, therefore, the more gratifying to us to be in a position, thanks to "Q. E. D.'s" kind report above, to furnish these fuller details of the last meeting of the Lodge.—ED. F. C.]

THE MANSION HOUSE BANQUET.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noticed some time since in the Masonic columns of your contemporary the *Citizen* certain remarks as to the absence from the banquet, given by ex-Lord Mayor Truscott to His Royal Highness the Grand Master toward the end of last month, of the Worshipful Masters of The Great City and other City Lodges. These remarks had considerable force in them. Lord Mayor Truscott, in his dual capacity of Worshipful Master of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and Junior Grand Warden of England, entertained the Grand Master, together with a large number of his brother Grand Officers, and other representatives of the Craft. The entertainment was given at his official residence, as the Chief Magistrate of the City of London, and it seems only in the order of things that complaints should have been made of the smallness of the contingent which represented the City Lodges, as distinguished from the general body of Metropolitan Lodges. It has since been explained, in the case of the Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, that no invitation was sent, as no one knew his address; but what about the numerous Lodges which meet in Aldersgate-street, Basinghall-street, Fleet-street, &c., the majority of whose members are in some way or other connected with the City? Were they as well represented as they should have been? I have seen it stated that several Common Councilmen, who, in their Masonic capacity, have not been inside a Lodge for some twenty years, were at the gathering. I say nothing against this, but I think those entrusted with the arrangements should have taken care that the City Lodges were not entirely left out in the cold.

It must seem ungracious on the part of any one to criticise the list of the invited at some special feast. In this instance the number of guests was necessarily limited. No one is so foolish as to imagine the Egyptian Hall could have accommodated the hundreds who would like to have been present. But even at the risk of being considered a rude and unfraternal critic, I must say it has struck me—as I know it must have struck many other brethren—as more than passing strange that the hospitality of the Lord Mayor was not extended towards the executive Officers of those three Charitable Institutions of which all English Masons are so justly proud. By the executive Officers I mean, of course, that triad of Masonic worthies, Bros. Binckes, Terry, and Hedges, the Secretaries of the Boys', Girls', and Benevolent Institutions respectively. I am sure Lord Mayor Truscott would not knowingly have permitted so conspicuous a slight to be placed on these brethren, whose untiring devotion to their arduous duties is universally acknowledged. It was, I repeat, something more than passing strange that, at a banquet at which it was certain the grand work done by our Institutions would be referred to in terms of justifiable pride, the very brethren to whose energy and ability is principally due the marvellous successes of our Charity Festivals should have been conspicuous by their absence. It may have been—though I hardly think it likely—that all three were invited, but were unable to attend. In such case my criticism necessarily falls through, and it would become my duty to apologise, as I should do most fully, "to whom it may concern," for having charged them with an omission of which they had not been guilty. At present it is on record that at a representative gathering of brethren met together in the official residence of the Lord Mayor, and at his invitation, for the purpose of doing honour to the Grand Master of England, the Secretaries of our three Institutions whose benefits were made the theme of approving comment, were not present. I say the slight to the gentlemen in question may have been unintentional, but that does not make it the less conspicuous or the less worthy of remark.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

MASTER MASON.

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is considerable incongruity in the remarks of your correspondent who signs himself "ONE WHO WAS THERE." Our brother begins by deprecating your liberality in according me—or rather the reporter of my dissertation—three-quarters of a column. Does that spring from his purely Masonic anxiety to see none of a brother's substance—even though that consists only of printing ink—wasted? If, as our brother asserts, he was present, he must be aware that our esteemed Brother Wendt not only tolerated dissertation, but actually expressed his strong approval of it, fully sympathised with the object I had in view, and seconded (a very unusual proceeding on the part of a Grand Officer—a Visitor) the vote of thanks proposed by the Worshipful Master. He subsequently expressed himself to the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P., in the following concise manner—"Every word Bro. Sigismund said this evening is Gospel." And now to the objections of our communicative brother correspondent. If the Judea-phobe business is stale in his estimation, it does not follow that it is in that of others, more especially—as he himself admits—to a novice in Masonry. Our brother further deprecates, and evidently is *in terrore* of "certain new and absurd changes." This is quite comprehensible to me. To judge by his letter, he has strong reasons to put his foot down on all innovations, especially when those innovations point clearly and distinctly in one direction.

I will, for his information, give you an epitome of some of my remarks on the last occasion of my speaking on the subject. (It is that, dear Brother, which has induced your correspondent to unsheath his pen.) On the continent, I informed the brethren, the humble representative in the chair of King Solomon was chosen, not for the amount of ritual crammed into him, but for his *intellectual and social position*; and, further, that those who are candidates for admission into our Order undergo a most rigorous scrutiny into their

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social as well as moral character. Every precaution is taken that none but really worthy and *honourable* men shall be admitted. Here, I informed them, my short Masonic career has given me the sad conviction that it was otherwise. How the strict following of my brother's recommendation to attend a Lodge of Instruction could possibly have prevented me from giving my dissertation, he does not enlighten me; therefore it remains a closely veiled mystery. Would it be any satisfaction to him to know that I *have* been to a Lodge of Instruction, and that although many of the working brethren were in search of something, they made continual additions to their loss; they kept on dropping certain letters, and picked them up again at most inconvenient times? Is our brother under the impression that I could have been deterred from suggesting those "absurd changes" by the lessons taught me there? It is true, that in explaining certain portions of the working of our Continental brethren I remarked that they impressed me very much, and are, in my estimation, even worthy of emulation. Has this given rise to a mirage before our brother's view, wherein he saw the downfall of our beloved Order, so that, imbued with true piety, he fervently raises his voice in prayer that our Ritual, Constitution (*and* Aspirations), will ever remain unchanged?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J. MORDAUNT SIGISMUND.

48 Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square,
1st Dec. 1880.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

London, E.C. 29th Nov. 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was likewise present at the meeting of the Montefiore Lodge when Bro. Sigismund, who is only a very young Mason, gave, by permission of the W.M., his dissertation on Masonry. Whilst admitting that much of his lecture might, *under the circumstances*, have been left unsaid, still I do not see there is any blame attached to a member of the Craft informing other members of his opinions and the impressions created in his mind by visiting foreign Lodges. In my humble opinion it is much to Bro. Sigismund's credit to have already, as so young a member, taken so much interest, and so thoroughly imbued himself with the true spirit of Freemasonry, that he has at once perceived some painful differences between Masonry as it ought to be and as it is carried out. I am certain, had he communicated his intentions to some older member of the Craft, he would have left some remarks in abeyance; but, at the same time, this is no fault, and I am sorry to see it has created a wrong impression.

What is occasionally done when there is no business before the Lodge? The Master, or some efficient brother, works a section or sections. What are these but explanations of Freemasonry? and why should a member not deliver a lecture on Freemasonry, and give us a gleaning of the working of foreign Lodges? I think it is both appropriate and instructive, and that time is better spent in listening on such occasions than in going at once to banquet.

Bro. Sigismund considered some alterations which he noticed worthy of adaptation. I differ with him, and should be sorry to see any alterations, either in our Ritual or Constitution; but it is only by the expression of our opinions that we can convince each other which is right or wrong; and I for one do not believe that Freemasonry stands on so weak a basis that it cannot allow a member to express his individual opinion, and almost to challenge better instruction.

I should not have troubled you with these remarks but for the letter of "ONE WHO WAS THERE." I differed with Bro. Sigismund on the good tact of his lecture, *under present circumstances*, as I mentioned before, and informed him of this; but I do not think it deserves the strictures of your correspondent.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Fraternally yours,

S. POLLITZER P.M.

SOC. ROSICR. in Angliâ.

York College.—On Saturday last a meeting of this College was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. Amongst those present were Fratres T. B. Whytehead IX Ch, Ad., Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suff., J. S. Cumberland VII. Celeb., T. J. Wilkinson V., E. P. Peterson V., C. L. Mason V., R. W. Moore, and others. After some formal and preliminary work Bros. W. Paley, M.D. (Ripon), and John Oates (Darlington) were received into the M.C. and admitted to the First Grade. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Chief Adept read a paper on the Literature of the Old Rosicrucians, illustrated by a translation of an old pamphlet of 1619, entitled "Philosophicus Raptus." The Suffragan also read a paper on a visit paid by him last summer to the remains of a Preceptory of Knights Hospitallers at Dunmore, in Herefordshire. Great interest was expressed in both subjects by the members, and the papers were ordered to be printed. The M.C. was then dissolved.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Hale Constitutions.—When the human frame has become debilitated from the effects of exposure, excesses, or neglect, these pills will repair the mischief. If they be taken according to the lucid directions wrapped round each box, Holloway's Pills exert the most exemplary tonic qualities in all cases of nervous depression, whereby the vital powers are weakened, and the circulation is rendered languid and unsteady. They improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion, regulate the liver, and act as gentle aperients. The pills are suited to all ages and all habits. A patient writes:—"Your pills to be valued require only to be known. During many years I sought a remedy in vain, was daily becoming weaker, when your pills soon restored me."

ROYAL ARCH.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE Installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 29th ult, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. P. Dickinson Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emmanuel, and W. Littaur. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. J. S. Lyon, late of 188, was elected a joining member. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Megaw, Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, which was unanimously in his favour. Bro. J. Hobinstock, who had been previously accepted, was then exalted into the Order by the M.E.Z., whose accurate working it was a pleasure to listen to. Every Officer was perfect in his duties. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. Megaw, regretting his absence. Comp. L. Lazarus was installed M.E.Z., H. Gulliford H., and P. Isaac J., the ceremony being performed by Comp. W. Littaur in a manner characteristic of that eminent exponent of R.A. ritual. On the re-admission of the Companions the newly-installed M.E.Z. appointed and invested his Officers:—Comps. P. Dickinson I.P.Z., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., I. P. Cohen P.S., Hawkins 1st Assist., J. Davis 2nd Assist., Smith Janitor. The resignation of two Companions was accepted. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; this showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of £39 17s 6d. After hearty good wishes had been rendered by the Visitors, the Chapter was closed until January, and the Companions sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly-exalted Companion, who, he felt assured, would be a respected member of the Chapter, and one whom they were proud to see among them. He need hardly say he referred to Comp. Hobinstock, who, in an excellent speech, responded. The toast of the joining members was given, coupled with the names of Comps. Rev. S. M. Harris and J. S. Lyon. Comp. S. M. Harris said this was his second visit; the first time he came as a visitor; the second as a joining member. The speaker referred to the admirable and exceptionably able manner in which the Z, had performed the ceremony of exaltation, and then gave a very learned dissertation on the principles of R.A. Masonry, which was listened to by all present with great attention. Comp. P. Dickinson I.P.Z. said the next toast was a very important one; it was the health of the M.E.Z. In the Craft we work for the Mastership of a Lodge: in the Royal Arch for the M.E.Z.'s chair. To-night we have one at our head who has acquitted himself with great *éclat* during his year of office. Comp. Lazarus had not only given his services to the study of R.A. Masonry, but he would rule the Chapter with a kindly hand. The M.E.Z. said that he had always been anxious to preside over a Chapter of R.A. Masons; he thanked Comp. Dickinson for proposing his health. He then proposed the health of the Visitors whom they were always pleased to see. He enumerated Comps. Southwood, Coltart, Eckstein 1169, Lyons 753, and L. Alexander late 188. He hoped the members of the Chapter, one and all, would give them a hearty fire. After Comp. Southwood had acknowledged this compliment, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, for which Comp. Dickinson replied. The ability displayed by the other Principals and the other Officers was not overlooked, and then the Janitor gave the parting toast.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 30th Nov., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and, as usual, was numerously attended. Present:—Comps. Le Feuvre Z., Lardner H., R. Payne J., Pennefather N., Dottridge P.S., Brown Preceptor, and the following Companions:—Wood, Bloomfield, Wyer, Thompson, Macdonald, Maidwell, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Duncan, Edwards, Powell, Abell, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gillard candidate. The whole ceremony was gone through in an almost faultless manner, all the Principals being well up to their work. There can be no doubt that this Chapter offers advantages to young Royal Arch Masons seeking instruction which are not to be found elsewhere. Comp. Brown, the talented Preceptor, is at all times most painstaking in his efforts to make others as perfect in the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry as he is himself. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Swan, of the Granite Chapter 1328, and Comp. Cussans, of the Gladsmuir Chapter 1385, were unanimously elected members of this Chapter of Improvement. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 7th Dec., at half-past six o'clock.

We have to thank Bro. Tudor Trevor for a copy of his pamphlet, printed for private circulation, and entitled "The Un-Masonic Trial: Bro. Voigt *versus* Bros. Carr, Laking, and Tudor." It does not appear to contain fresh matter, and we see no reason for reverting to a subject which will always retain its unsavouriness, from whatever point of view it may be regarded.

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable Dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class Bands provided if desired.
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ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE closing month of another year brings us once more to the date of the installation meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, which this year was held at the regular quarters—the Town Hall, Shoreditch—on Wednesday, 1st instant, and in the result we have to record a most successful gathering. The immortal bard has told us that "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them;" and this sentiment is as equally applicable to our Masonic Lodges as to mankind in general. Some Lodges start with such surroundings as to at once secure a place among the foremost ranks of the Order; others by their deeds of hospitality and charity earn for themselves a similar distinction, while others may assuredly be looked upon as having greatness thrust upon them. We assume there is nothing to prevent a combination of the three causes; indeed, we think that the present position of the St. Leonard Lodge goes far to prove not only the possibility, but the actual existence, of such a state. There everything, and everybody, seems to have combined to attain the great end of our beloved Order. Comfortable quarters handsomely fitted, efficient Masters and Officers, successful working, and a general desire on the part of all to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness, have produced the only result which can be possible, and to-day we find in 1766 a Lodge which may serve as a pattern to any who may desire to practise Freemasonry in its truest sense. On Wednesday the Lodge was opened by Bro. G. T. Barr, who has filled the chair during the past year. He was supported by Bros. C. F. Barham S.W., Elias Benjamin J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A. Chap., C. Stevens Treas., Joseph Cox Sec., J. A. Jones S.D., A. A. Clement J.D., E. Walker D.C., G. C. Young W.M. 820 Organist, J. Funston I.G., Frank Matthews Steward, J. Terry Hon. P.M., Louis Stean P.M., &c. Having discharged the opening duties and disposed of the routine business before the Lodge, Bro. G. T. Barr in due form installed his successor, performing the task in a most satisfactory manner. After the customary salutations, the following Officers were invested, viz., Bros. Benjamin S.W., Jones J.W., Henderson Chaplain, Stevens Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Clement S.D., Funston J.D., Walker I.G., Matthews D.C., R. Drysdale Steward, H. J. Thrower Assist. Steward, Young Organist, C. T. Speight Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed in regular order, after which the newly installed Master proceeded to initiate Messrs. George Lockyer and George Short into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The name of a gentleman desiring initiation was handed in, as also that of a brother wishing to join the Lodge. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. invested his predecessor with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. The W.M. in brief terms made the presentation, at the same time assuring Bro. Barr that he had the heartiest good wishes of the members for his future health and happiness. The receipt of a letter was announced from Bro. Hedges, asking for the appointment of a Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School. The W.M. and S.W. announced their intention of each acting in that capacity. A similar request was also made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution by Bro. Terry, and it was understood that next year the St. Leonard's Lodge would be represented in that quarter. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, the provision of which, we understand, is now undertaken by the Lodge itself. If what we witnessed on Wednesday is a fair criterion of what can be accomplished in this direction, we could almost advise many of the Lodges now meeting in similar parts to try the experiment. Bro. Barham, the W.M., had certainly the gratification of feeling that the efforts of himself and others in this respect amply rewarded them for any little trouble they might have been put to. The brethren having done justice to the good things provided, and grace having been said, the W.M. proceeded with the customary toasts; with that of the Prince of Wales the W.M. coupled the name of the Princess, desiring the brethren especially to drink to her health on that the anniversary of her birthday. Bro. W. Clarke Assist. Grand Pursuivant replied to the toast of the Grand Officers. He felt the Craft was safe in the hands of its present rulers, all of whom were always striving for its advancement. Bro. Barr I.P.M. followed with the next toast. On no occasion, he said, had a more pleasing duty devolved on him than that he had then undertaken. Whenever it was his lot to propose the health of a brother he liked to be in the position of knowing him well, as he desired to make only such statements as could not be refuted. Of the present Master he could justly say that he was never satisfied when he undertook a task unless he performed it well. From his known ability in the chair of a Lodge, Bro. Barr felt sure his duty as Master would prove no exception to the rule. The W.M. had undertaken the work or principally so, required in connection with the catering of that day; the brethren had had an opportunity of judging what he could do in that respect, and he felt that if any improvement was required it would be carried out. The toast met a hearty reception at the hands of the brethren, and the W.M. briefly acknowledged it. He felt grateful to the brethren for having elected him to his present position. He should do his utmost to carry out the duties of the chair with credit, both to himself and the Lodge. He assured the brethren that that day he had done his best, both in the Lodge and as regarded the provision of the banquet, and if anything was wrong, it must be attributed not to a want of desire for success, but really as being beyond his power. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. He expressed the great pleasure and surprise he felt at witnessing the splendid way in which Bro. Barr had carried out the duties of Installing Master. He sincerely hoped that in the future every Master would consider that part of the year's work as a part of his duty, and that for many years to come successive Masters would be installed, not by deputy, but by the outgoing Master himself. He concluded by paying a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Barr for the able and efficient way in which he had carried out the work of the Lodge. Bro. Barr, in reply, expressed his thanks to the brethren for the very kind manner in which they and the W.M. eulogised him. He only hoped that what had been said was deserved on his part, and that he should ever maintain the credit which then attached to him. As regarded his position as Installing Master, he had thought of leaving that ceremony in the hands of some more able brother, but he felt that however much more ably a brother might do the usual work, he could not more heartily approach the task than he should himself. Knowing also the kindly feeling of the brethren, who he was assured would look upon any mistakes, not with a critical eye, but rather with one of sympathy, and who would be the last to blame him for any shortcomings, he determined to attempt the task, with what result the brethren could best judge. He knew he could hardly express his feelings as regarded the handsome jewel which had that night been presented to him, but he hoped he might, by his presence on many future occasions, shew his appreciation of it. The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Stean was, he said, one of the oldest Masons in London, and a worthy father of the St. Leonard Lodge. He was—and the W.M. trusted always would be—highly respected. Bros. Stean and Barr each replied. Bro. Stean felt he was too well known as a Past Master to need his making any long speech. Bro. Barr pointed out that the work of a brother did not finish when he left the chair, as he himself could testify, having received such valuable assistance from Past Masters both in his own Lodge and elsewhere. To the toast of the Initiates a reply was given by each of the newly admitted brethren, both of whom expressed their pleasure at joining the Craft. Bro. Terry, in an able speech, acknowledged a similar compliment paid to "The Charities," after which "The Visitors" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a termination. Among the Visitors who signed the book were Bros. R. Jennings I.P.M. 907, G. Edwards W.M. 1816, S. Smither 193, W. Cutting 193, G. Taylor P.M. 217, J. Harrison 127C, F. A. Kelly 1524, H. Sarson 70, W. H. Lee P.M. 975, H. Dance P.M. 754, C. F. Luckhurst 1604, J. S. Badkin P.M. 1365, R. H. Peace 179, G. T. Turner S.D. 183, J. Smith 1107, J. T. Sinclair 813, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, G. Townsend P.M. 820, &c., G. J. Woodman J.W. 1599, J. Dunse J.D. 193, A. Bridgman 754, W. Musto P.M. 1349, H. Finch W.M. 1635, J. Robson J.D. 1445, F. Carr S.D. 1607, W. Nicholson 19, T. Hamer W.M. 1426, W. Hancock 1549, &c., &c.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M. Bro. Charles E. Hindley was supported by his Officers and a large number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The *ballot* was then taken for Mr. William Warner, duly proposed at *the last* meeting, which proved unanimously in his favour, and being present he was initiated by the W.M. Later in the evening, on the invitation of the W.M. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, raised Bro. Thos. Robinson to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge having been lowered, a gold Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Hindley for his valuable services as W.M. The S.W. Dr. Alf. H. Young was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. After the transaction of some routine business the Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held on Friday, 26th November, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past seven p.m., there were present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Maton S.W., Gomm I.P.M. 780 J.W., Blasby W.M. 780 S.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. J.D., Monson I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Cummins P.M., F. Botley, Geflowski, N. Wotton, Kent, Lees, Matts, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. N. Wotton offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Lees and Matts answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced; then Bro. Kent offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in third degree, and closed to first, when Bro. Lees and Matts were re-admitted, and the dues were collected. Bro. Maton was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till 3rd December, at the usual hour.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, "Liverpool Arms," Canning Town, on 23rd ult. Bro. Pavitt W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Smith J.W., Ives I.G., P.M. Cundick I.P.M.; also Bros. Andrews, Johnson, Ellingford, Sadler, Spencer, &c. This being the night for Sections only, the following were worked by the brethren—1st Bro. Johnson, 2nd Andrews, 3rd Worsley, 4th Johnson, 5th Smith, 6th Myers, 7th Cundick. The Lodge opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and closed to the 1st. Bro. Cundick spoke highly of the way in which Bro. Pavitt put the questions for the first seven sections, and hoped to hear him work the fifteen on the next occasion. It was arranged the installation ceremony should have been worked on Tuesday by P.M. Bro. Musto, who, from unavoidable circumstances, has been unable to attend for the past month, and that he should be assisted by Past Masters Cundick and Myers, who kindly promised to attend. To commence at 7.30 punctually. We had not, however, at the time of going to press, received our usual report of the proceedings.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 24th November, when there were present—Bros. H. V. Clements W.M., J. Farren S.W., J. Garrod J.W., David Roberts Treasurer, T. Cunningham Sec., the rest of the Officers, and a good muster of the brethren and P.M.'s. The Visitors were Bros. W. T. Howe P.G.P., O. S. Oxley W.M. 1237, Bryant 1237, Poore 1237, Mathison P.M. 1237, Hubbard 1732, Pawson 1732, and Woodward 1728. After the usual preliminaries, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Lodge was opened to the second degree, and

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further advanced to the third, when Bro. J. D. Birkin was raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. On the resumption of the Lodge to the inferior degree, Bro. Percy Gilling was passed to the second. Other business of a minor character having been disposed of, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren repaired to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner had been provided, the chair being occupied by the W.M. In giving the last of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Clements said he was pleased to see an Officer of Grand Lodge (Bro. Howe) present, he should therefore couple his name with that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Howe, after thanking the W.M. and brethren for their cordial reception of his name, expressed the great gratification he felt in witnessing that evening the masterly manner in which the ceremonies had been worked, not only by the W.M., but likewise by the Officers. He was quite certain they could not be surpassed in any Lodge, and that whilst the business was conducted in so admirable a manner, the Lodge could not fail to prosper. The W.M. having briefly replied to the toast of his health, and Bro. Townsend to that of the P.M.'s, the W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. On this occasion he had a double pleasure in proposing it, inasmuch as he was honoured that evening by what he might call a semi-official visit from the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237. The object he had in view when he invited the W.M. of that Lodge, and as many of its members as could conveniently come, was to show the cordiality that always existed among neighbouring Lodges, and it was with great pleasure that he gave them a hearty welcome to the High Cross Lodge. Bro. Oxley, the W.M. of the Enfield Lodge, in reply said, he could not find words to express the great pleasure he felt in being present with his Officers and other members of his Lodge that evening, and enjoying the hospitality of their old friends and neighbours; he was pleased to say there was not only a kindly feeling existing between the two Lodges, but they were also cemented by a brotherly feeling, which he trusted would always remain, and that these friendly visits would continue to be interchanged. Bro. Taverner, W.M. elect of the Enfield Lodge, also thanked the W.M. on behalf of himself and the other visitors for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they had been received that evening. Other toasts followed, and one of the most enjoyable evenings that could possibly have been spent was brought to a close in time for the brethren to catch their respective trains.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—Held at the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Wednesday, 24th November. Present—Bros. J. Edwards W.M., J. Reed S.W., F. Hallows J.W., G. Clark S.D., W. G. Hallows J.D., T. Franklin I.G., Jas. Pinder P.M.; also Bros. Upward, Carter, and Clemens. The Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carter candidate. Bro. Clemens answered the questions, showing such proficiency as entitled him to be passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. P.M. Pinder, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture. Bro. Clemens was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge.

On Wednesday last, Bro. W. G. Hallows W.M., J. Upward S.W., J. Edwards J.W., G. Clark J.D., H. Clemens I.G., P.M. Pinder and Bro. J. Hyde. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hyde candidate. This brother then answered the usual questions preparatory to the second degree. The first and second sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. P. M Pinder, with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. Hyde was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. Upward was elected W. M. for the ensuing week. It was explained that several of the brethren were absent on account of their attendance at Grand Lodge. The Lodge closed in due form.

The future meetings of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will be held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal Green Junction Station of the Great Eastern Railway. Bro. W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor.

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THE inaugural dinner of the Master and Wardens of this Company took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on the evening of Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. Alfred Williams, the Master, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Mayor McArthur, M.P., Lord Ashley, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Sheriff Waterlow, Lieut.-General Sir H. W. Norman, K.C.B., Bros. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Colonel Dundas Royal London Militia, Bro. Major Savory, Mr. B. Emmanuel, Master of the Patten-makers' Company, Captain H. S. Freeman Master-Designate of the Fan-makers' Company, Mr. J. E. Walford Master of the Loriner's Company, Messrs. Baldwin, Latham, and A. B. Pearce Senior and Junior Wardens respectively of the Entertaining Company, Bro. W. T. Sugg, Bro. Saillard, &c. The loyal toasts were followed by those of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," for which Sir H. Norman and Colonel Dundas responded; "The Houses of Lords and Commons," acknowledged by Lord Ashley and Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P.; and 'The Lord Mayor and Corporation," to which his Lordship made cordial reply. The toast of "The Sheriffs" was acknowledged by Sheriff Waterlow, and then followed the toast of the evening, that of the Master in the Chair, which was most humorously proposed by Bro. Clarke, M.P., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Williams. Dr. Irons replied for the Visitors. An excellent selection of music enhanced the pleasure of the gathering.

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On Monday the troupe made their annual migration, rendered necessary by the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, to the East End of London, where they have found quarters at the Garrick Theatre, Leman-street, Whitechapel. They will remain for the next fortnight, and, if we may judge from the hearty reception they have, as usual, met with, their excursion will prove to be a great success. They re-open at the Agricultural Hall on the 20th inst., with a programme suitable to the festive season so near at hand. They purpose giving afternoon performances at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 27th inst. (Boxing Day), and the day following.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a banquet was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, at which R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was presented with a handsome testimonial, in the form of a piece of plate, in testimony of the respect in which he is held, and also for the purpose of commemorating his recent accession to the baronetcy. The Vicar of Richmond occupied the chair, and he was ably supported by Sir Henry Peek and Sir Trevor Lawrence, two of the Members for the county, as well as by a strong muster of other gentlemen.

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VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.

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ROYALTY.—At 7, WILD FLOWERS. At 8, BOW BELLS. At 9.30, DON JUAN JUNIOR.

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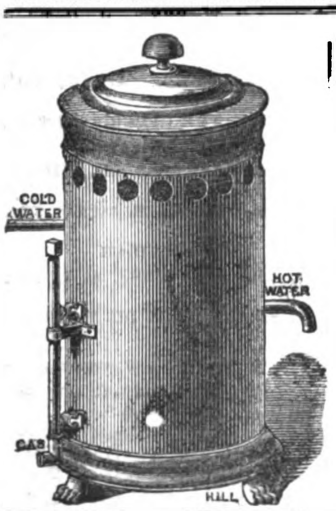
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IT is scarcely too much to say of this old and highly respected Lodge that it enjoys the reputation not only of supplying us with the best examples we have of perfect working, but that it numbers under its banner some of the most sturdy advocates of our Masonic Charities. For a long series of years it has been practically decided that no member who could not readily discharge the functions of the office should be privileged to hold the chief honours of the Lodge; and thus, by making pure merit the ground and test of promotion, the brethren have succeeded in well maintaining the high level of prestige which Old Neptune has for so many years enjoyed. During the past year Bro. Thomas P. Collings has more than realised the expectations that were formed of him when he was promoted to the chair of King Solomon, and having well and wisely governed his Lodge, winning golden opinions from brethren who are not lavish of their encomiums unless well deserved, he will carry with him to the Past Masters' dais the satisfaction that his endeavours to sustain the dignity of his office have been most creditable to himself and to the whole of the brethren. That satisfaction will be enhanced by the consolatory fact that he will be succeeded in the chair by a gentleman who has well earned the honour, and upon whom the Master's mantle will sit gracefully. All those who know Brother George Britton, and have watched his progress in the science during the twelve months he has supported Bro. Collings in the Senior Warden's chair, will be ready to look forward with confidence that the lustre of the position and the dignity of the Lodge will not suffer in his hands. It was, therefore, with the utmost gratification that at the final meeting for the season, which was held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, Bro. Britton was elected by the unanimous voice of a well-filled Lodge as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The brethren assembled at half-past two o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W. Master, who was supported by Bros. George Britton S.W., J. Harper, Ph.D., J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Oliver Cromwell Sargent I.G., A. B. Neats P.M. acting as W.S., Henry Povey acting as S.D., W. M. Ashwell I.P.M., E. F. Storr P.M., Crawford P.M., James Norman P.M., Thos. Whiting, Henry Frederick Griffin (Master of the Fanmakers' Company), Wm. John Eden Crane, Alexander Macgregor, Joseph Corbett, John Davidson, Mark Hubbard, W. Cook, E. Hollandt, C. H. Crowe, Benjamin C. Crowe, R. Cutting, John Frost, E. Y. Jolliffe, R. W. Coulcher, W. Busyard, T. J. Lawrence, and R. Peart. Visitors—Bros. John R. Puttick 81, G. P. Britton 183, H. R. Davidson 181, and Abercorn, of the Archimedes Lodge, Saxony. Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. J. Harper, Ph.D., was invested as J.W., that office having become vacant. The ballot was then prepared for Mr. Henry Frederick Griffin (Master of the Fanmakers' Company), on the nomination of Bro. E. F. Storr P.M., seconded by the Treasurer; Mr. William John Eden Crane, proposed by the W.M., seconded by the Hon. Sec.; and Mr. Alexander Macgregor, whose sponsors were the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. M. Ashwell, and Bro. Crawford P.M. All three were unanimously approved, and Messrs. Crane and Macgregor were duly initiated by the W. Master, who acquitted himself with his accustomed ability. In the case of the Master of the Fanmakers' Company, Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. requested that he might be allowed the privilege of initiating his nominee, and the request having been courteously acceded to by the W. Master, Bro. Storr performed the ceremony with an ability and precision which forcibly reminded the brethren of days gone by, when the now popular Past Master was in the zenith of his activity as Master of the Neptune. Subsequently Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bros. Joseph Corbett and Thomas Whiting were raised to the sublime degree by the W. Master, who delivered the charges in a most able and effective manner. Lodge having been lowered, Bro. George Britton S.W. was unanimously elected W. Master for the ensuing year, in return for which compliment he thanked the brethren in a few happily-chosen sentences. He was deeply sensible of the great honour which they had conferred upon him, and should endeavour to justify the choice they had made by devoting himself sedulously to promote the best and highest interests of the Lodge. He trusted he might be able to tread in the footsteps of the many excellent Masters who had preceded him, and by emulating their example, to maintain successfully the prestige which they had secured for the good old Neptune Lodge. Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with cordial thanks for his past services; and Bro. Parkinson was re-appointed Tyler. The sum of five guineas was voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions, Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. expressing his regret that the brethren could not see their way to granting double that amount. The proposal to present Bro. Collings with a Past Master's jewel, on his retirement from office in January next, met with an enthusiastic response, and the W. Master received the heartiest congratulations of the brethren upon his success and efficiency in the discharge of his exalted functions. The business of a somewhat formidable agenda having been concluded, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome and spacious throne room of the hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, who well sustained the character of this first-class establishment by the quality of their wines and *cuisine*. The tables were decorated with vases and epergnes of the choicest cut flowers, ferns, and ornamental plants, which imparted to the saloon an aspect of great beauty; and in his arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous party, Mr. Sherwill gave fresh evidence of that perfection which comes only with experience. Bro. Henry Mills personally superintended the waiting, which left nothing to be desired, and Bro. J. Marcham acted efficiently as toastmaster. At the conclusion of the repast the W. Master gave the Loyal toasts, informing the Initiates that such was the custom amongst Masons, who were always loyal to the Throne and devoted to the best interests of the Craft. The toasts were received with musical honours, the solos being well sustained by Bro. Mark Hubbard. Bro. Ashwell I.P.M., in proposing the "Health of the Worshipful Master," said he approached that particular toast with a degree of regret, inasmuch as this was the last time he should have the pleasure of proposing it. To a certain extent he must repeat what he had said in Lodge, and that was they all felt that Bro. Collings had done even more than they expected of him (and that was a good deal) when he entered on his year of office. He had fulfilled every expectation which they had of his capabilities, and they would all agree that the reward they had just agreed to present him on his retirement from office did not nearly compensate him for the time and trouble he had spent in furthering the interests of the Lodge. For himself he should be sorry to pass away from the lower ranks of the Past Masters, and he had heard Bro. Collings say he also should regret to leave the chair. He could hardly believe this, because if he had to spend another year in that position he might perhaps grow a little tired of the very arduous duties which attached to it. The W. Master, who was cordially received, said he had met with so much kindness from his brethren since he had occupied the chair, and he appreciated so deeply the extremely kind way in which they had received the mention of his name that evening that he hardly knew how to express himself in adequate terms. All he could say was that he had done his best to carry out the duties of his office; and if what he had done had met with their approbation, when he left the chair that would be something to take with him, which he should never forget. He next proposed the "health of the Initiates," in doing which he said the brethren ought to be proud of the class of recruits which had come amongst them on that occasion. He thought they might look forward to those initiates as very promising ones. Bro. Griffin, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which they had received him and his fellow initiates on this occasion. He accepted with peculiar pride and pleasure the right hand of fellowship which they had so kindly held out to him. He confessed he had some little fear and diffidence at first, but confidence was inspired by the knowledge that they were in such friendly hands. He trusted that their conduct might be such as to ensure for them in the future the increasing friendship and respect of the brethren. Bros. Crane and Macgregor also briefly returned thanks for the honour and privilege of being admitted to a participation in the privileges of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the "health of the Past Masters," who were always ready to give what assistance was required of them. It was very fortunate for the W. Master for the time being to have such excellent P.M.'s to fall back upon as this Lodge possessed. There were times when such counsel and assistance were invaluable, and when it would be difficult to arrive at right conclusions upon one's own responsibility. But when the W. Master knew he would have the best advice—and he had always found his P.M.'s ready to give freely and voluntarily—it added much to the pleasure of the position he filled, and he now desired to acknowledge with gratitude the aid he had received at their hands. Bro. E. F. Storr P.M., in the course of his response to the toast, said he could not help speaking out on behalf of the Masonic Charities and sticking up for them. The brethren might call him "peppery," and he might have the name of "Charity Storr" in the Lodge; all he could say he was very proud of it. He hoped the day was far distant when the Charities would not find a friend in him, or when he should be unable to advocate their noble cause. He was proud of having been able to do some little towards augmenting the prosperity of the Neptune Lodge. He had brought in to-night, and had had the honour of initiating, through the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, his friend Mr. Henry Frederick Griffin, Master of the Fanmaker's Company; and he need not say, if he had not considered that gentleman a fit and proper person, worthy to be received into the Lodge, he should not have proposed him. He felt assured that in Bro. Griffin they would find not only an excellent friend and worthy brother, but one who would do his duty; and, as he sat now on the right of the chair, he would some day work his way into that chair. He hoped he might live to see the day when Bro. Griffin should be installed into the chair of what he considered one of the best Lodges in Masonry. It was his mother Lodge, and he loved it now more than ever, and desired to see its prestige and its prosperity still continue to increase. He thanked them for the hearty way in which they had received the toast of the P.M.'s, and as they had selected him to respond to it, he would merely say it was a great honour to be associated with such an array of P.M.'s as they saw around them that evening. Might God grant a long continuance of prosperity to the Neptune Lodge. The W. Master, in proposing the "Health of the Visitors," said ever since he had been a member of the Lodge it had been one of the cardinal points of their creed to look after their visitors, and this should be well followed up; for it made them acquainted with many excellent brethren, whom otherwise they might never have known; moreover, it kept them on the *qui vive* as to their working; and he had always seen the members of this Lodge anxious that the working should pass off well before visitors, and that they should be well treated. He loved to see visitors amongst them, for they gave a tone to a Lodge

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which he thought very desirable. Bro. G. P. Britton P.M., of the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, responded, in doing which he spoke of the value of the interchange of visits amongst the brethren, so that they might witness the working of the various lodges. He could say, from a very long experience of Masonry, in the course of which he had visited many Lodges, he had never seen work better done than it had been to-night. It was a very rare occurrence to see officers so uniformly proficient, and their places so worthily filled. Bro. John R. Puttick, in responding, humourously observed that when he got on his legs to speak in the Neptune Lodge, he naturally felt "very much at sea." He had been delighted with what he had witnessed in Lodge, and with the open-hearted hospitality of the brethren. Bros. H. B. Davidson and Abercorn also suitably returned thanks. The W. Master then proposed the "Health of the Worshipful Master Elect," in doing which he said if he was guilty of the grief which had been attributed to him, at vacating that position, he should certainly be cheered in his dying moments by the confidence that he should have a worthy successor. He liked to be candid, and he had ventured the remark in Lodge that at one time he was doubtful as to the capabilities of the brother who was to follow him in the chair. He now begged to apologise to his immediate successor, who had showed capacity and a capability of acquiring proficiency that had certainly astonished him. He saw Bro. Britton once in the Lodge of Instruction, then he was somewhat backward, but when he went again three months after he found he could do the whole of the three ceremonies remarkably well. He had taken the three chairs at the Lodge of Instruction in a thoroughly competent manner. That was cheering to him, because he had taken a great interest in this Lodge, and wanted to see the work well done. He could not express the pleasure it afforded him to see his successor was progressing, and he anticipated that in the coming year they would witness some of the best working in London. The W. Master elect, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, said if one of their visitors had felt himself at sea in rising to speak in the Neptune Lodge, he (the speaker) certainly ought to say the same on this occasion. He would not say that he felt particularly flattered, even at the very nice remarks that had fallen from their excellent W. Master, because he failed to see the other end of them. He, too, like the W.M., would be honest and outspoken, and he would say he should like to know why he should not be able to do the work? (A voice: Bravo! little Britton.") It was very well at one end of the year to fancy that at the other end of it a man would not be able to do certain things. Men were not known all in a moment, and he did not know why he should not be able to do what any of his predecessors had been able to accomplish. They might recollect that at one time there was a "Brother Gray's Disabilities Bill," which he opposed, and should oppose again. But because he opposed it, he enjoyed for some time a certain amount of odium in the Lodge. He was willing, however, to undergo any ordeal, so far as he was personally concerned, to prove his efficiency, and he was bold to think he could do the work to the satisfaction of the Lodge. He therefore threw back upon some members who doubted his capabilities, and asked why they should think so? He should endeavour to do his best to promote the interests of the Lodge, and promised them that neither its working nor its dignity should suffer at his hands for want of exertion on his part. He felt confident that, assisted by such officers as he hoped to have about him, that the prestige of the Lodge would be well maintained, and that the end would be better than the beginning. The Worshipful Master then, in the most eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, with thanks for their past services, and expressing regret that Bro. Wilcox could not remain long enough to respond. The toast was suitably responded to by Bro. Eames P.M. Hon. Secretary. The health of the Junior Warden was next cordially received, and in reply, Bro. J. Harper, Ph.D., returned thanks for the very graceful compliment that had been paid to him, and expressed his confidence that their worthy Brother who had just been elected to the chair would acquit himself to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge. He (Bro. Harper) should endeavour, so far as he was personally concerned, to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and he hoped to discharge his duties with the same degree of skill as they had done. The Tyler's concluded the official toasts. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs, rendered in excellent style by Bros. Hubbard, Povey, Corbett, Harper, Peart, Cook, and other brethren. The evening was characterised by that harmonious and fraternal spirit for which the Neptune Lodge has become proverbial, and it was admitted that this was one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in connection with the Lodge.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 972.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Wednesday, 17th Nov., when Bro. Edwin Beer S.W. (P.M. 1449) was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. J. Welsh P.M. in his usual able manner, Bro. G. Pilcher P.M. P.P.G.D.C. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. S. F. Pringuer S.W., Thomas Rossiter J.W., G. Pilcher P.M. Treas., H. F. Pringuer Sec., Thomas Crump S.D., W. Price J.D., A. J. Pelling Organist, W. Plant I.G., W. Harnett Tyler, S. Newman and R. Westwood Stewards, J. Welsh P.M. Director of Ceremonies. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. John Welsh P.M. as delegate to the Masonic Charities, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his efficient services as Installing Master. The W.M. then performed, on behalf of the brethren, a very pleasing duty, that of presenting to Bro. W. Harnett a gold chain and emblem, as a small token of regard for many years' faithful attendance as Hon. Tyler. The following visiting brethren were present:—Bros. W. G. Piddnck 31, J. E. Wiltshier P.M. 31, Sutton 1110, John Head P.M. 1110, W. D. Young I.G. 31, C. J. Ayton I.P.M. 1209, Thomas Bent W.M. 704, W. H. Drake W.M. 133, J. Lapper 1449, George Cox P.M. 199, John R. Hall P.M. 31 P.P.G. Assistant Secretary, H. Hammond 1449, W. H. Pardoe 1440, Dr. W. H. Longhurst W.M. 31, Vantier J.W. 1449, Goodenough 917 1745 London, H. T. Naylor W.M. 1449 P.P.G.S.B., T. Blamiers 1449, James M. Longhurst W.M. 1273 P.M. 133. A banquet took place at Bro. Shaxby's, Guildhall Hotel. The W.M. was supported by the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. J. Coppin P.M. 31 P.P.G. Sup. W. Kent, Bro. William Henry Vile I.P.M. 972, and the following Visitors and brethren:—Dr. Longhurst W.M. 31, J. S. Longhurst W.M. 1273, and P.M. 133, Taylor P.M. 1110 972, Head P.M. 1110, Sutton 1110, T. Bent P.M., 704 C. J. Ayton I.P.M. 1209, W. H. Drake W.M. 133, Hammond 784, W. D. Young I.G. 31, G. Pilcher P.M. 972 and P.P.G.D.C., J. F. Cozens P.M. 972, Plume P.M. 972, Goodenough 917 1745 London, J. Plant P.M. 31, J. Secra P.M. 972, Naylor W.M. 1449 P.P.G.S.B., J. Wiltshier P.M. 31, Ayton I.P.M. 1209, T. Bent 784, Blamiers 1449, &c. About 50 brethren were present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening Bros. Dr. Longhurst, Plant, Higgins, G. Smith, Pelling, and several of the brethren, rendered most valuable musical services.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

NO very wide interval elapses between the meetings of the two great City Lodges. That of The Great City, No. 1426, was recorded in these columns a fortnight since; that of The City of Westminster, No. 1563, which was held on Thursday, the 25th ult. we have the pleasure of now placing before our readers. As it was the installation meeting, it may be readily imagined that the members mustered in great force, and that the array of visitors was worthy of the occasion. The meeting took place on the day aforesaid, at the Lodge quarters, Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Turner W.M. occupied the chair, and among those Officers and members who supported him were Bros. J. E. Shand S.W. and W.M. elect, Hutchinson J.W., B. W. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, J. Waugh S.D., Day J.D., Hammond I.G., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex P.M. and Chaplain, E. White P.M., &c., &c. The Visitors included Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., P. Willson J.W. 861, H. J. Kent P.M. 60, Seymour Smith 742, J. S. Lundy P.M. 101, W. Browne W.M. 1614 P.M. 1348, G. French 591, Barfield P.M. 35, C. A. Woods J.W. 145, G. Festa 834, G. W. Coe 87, E. Lott P.P.G.S.W. Jersey, J. Sim 1345, Watkins 1585, Lake P.P.G.R. Cornwall, J. B. Stevens W.M. 1627, W. Carrington J.D. 1791, E. J. Ruyssenaers 1349, Lewis 1472, E. Farwig P.M. 180, S. Webb 193, H. Reed 733, J. Booha W.M. 1585, G. F. Baum 1765, Austin 1158, Lakin 180, Wright 1612, Dicketts 25, Cook 1614, J. S. Cox P.Dist.G.R. Hong Kong and South China, J. I. Cantle P.M., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, and Thomas 1319. After the usual formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. Edell S.D. 108 as a joining member, and he was accepted. Ballots were likewise taken for Messrs. E. Durant, W. Morton, R. J. Quested, and W. Davis. They were unanimously elected, and, being present, were duly initiated, in accordance with the prescribed ceremony, the duties of the W.M. being most ably fulfilled. After Bro. O'Farrell had been raised to the sublime degree, Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. J. E. Shand S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, with Bro. B. Swallow Past Master for its President, the ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out, the concluding addresses being given by Bro. E. White P.M. and the Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren below the grade of P.M., Bro. Shand was congratulated and saluted in ancient form, and then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, a few appropriate words being addressed to each new officer in turn. Bros. B. Turner I.P.M., Hutchinson S.W., Waugh J.W., B. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, Day S.D., Hammond P.M. J.D., Eastgate I.G., James D.C., Lee W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture of each officer showed the W.M. had made a selection which met the approval of the brethren. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and the resignation of three members having been accepted with regret, Lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of seventy-six, adjoined to an excellent banquet at the Café Royal, the menus by Bro. H. Reed being very artistic. The chair was occupied by the W.M., who is a most genial president for such an occasion, and in due time he gave the several Loyal and Masonic toasts, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. C. E. Cottebrune P.G.P., whom, the W.M. said, he had experienced great pleasure in meeting, as he was a most industrious brother, but especially because he believed he was right in saying that he (Bro. Cottebrune) had left other important duties in order to be present. Bro. Turner I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and rose with a view to propose the toast of the W. Master, which he did in brief but complimentary terms. After a song by Bro. Thomas, Bro. Shand expressed his hearty thanks to his predecessor for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the enthusiasm with which they had received it. He had, he said, had the good fortune to be one of those who took part in the Consecration of the Lodge, and he had then mentally formulated the wish that some day or other he might enjoy the privilege of being appointed to the chair. The wish had that day been realised, and all it was in his power to add was, that he trusted he might not be found wanting in the fulfilment of his duties, and that when the time came for him to retire from his office he might be found to have contributed, in some slight degree, to the prosperity of the Lodge. He then proposed the toast of the Initiates, of whom there were no less than four present, all well recommended, and one of them being a Lewis. He laid great stress on the great advantage of having new blood introduced into the Lodge, and judging from the attentive manner in which they had

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borne themselves throughout the ceremony, he firmly believed they would prove an accession of strength to the City of Westminster. After the E.A.P. song by Bro. Seymour Smith, the initiates severally responded in brief but modest terms, and the toast of the Visitors was then given; the W.M. expressing the pleasure he felt at seeing present so many brethren of distinction, both from far and near, and confirming in words the hearty welcome they had already received. With the toast were associated the names of Bros. Cox of China, Kent, and others, and they severally responded; Bro. Cox remarking that it was the first Lodge he had visited since his arrival from China, and assuring the brethren that if it fell to the lot of any among them to make a journey to that country, they might be sure of meeting with a hearty welcome. All of those who spoke expressed their admiration at the able manner in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out, and the confidence they felt, that, under the genial conduct of so worthy a Master as Bro. Shand, The City of Westminster would increase in prosperity. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and the W.M. paid each of them a well-deserved compliment. The name of Bro. Swallow, who had enacted the part of Installing Master, was, he said, a household word among the Westmonasteriensian brethren. Bro. White's ability was highly appreciated both in that and the other Lodges with which he was connected; and last, but not least, Bro. Turner, his immediate predecessor, had so fulfilled his duties in the chair, that he (Bro. Shand) felt no small amount of diffidence in following in his footsteps. That his able services had called forth the approval of the brethren of the Lodge was evidenced by the fact of their having voted him a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of those services; and it was his duty that evening—a duty which he need hardly say it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to perform—to formally hand over to Bro. Turner the decoration in question. He sincerely trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him very many years of health and strength to wear it, and as Bro. I.P.M. was about entering the Granite Lodge, that he would there experience the same amount of consideration as had been so deservedly accorded to him by the members of The City of Westminster. After a brief interval, Bro. Turner rose and expressed his acknowledgments. He said he had never passed a more enjoyable year of office than that which had been brought to a close that afternoon. He thanked the members of the Lodge for their gift, a gift he should look upon with pleasure so long as he lived; and especially did he express his gratitude to the W.M. for the handsome terms in which he had spoken of his services. The toast of the Officers was next on the programme. In proposing it, Bro. Shand paid a handsome compliment to each for the energy and ability they had hitherto shown, and especially to their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Swallow, who was the senior Past Master of the Lodge, and whom he hoped to see among them for many years. Bro. Hammond, also, who is an Installed Master of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, was highly complimented on his knowledge, and, by anticipation, on the proficiency he was certain to exhibit in the office he had just entered upon. Bros. Swallow P.M., Treasurer, and Scott P.M. Secretary having severally acknowledged the compliments paid them individually, and to the officers generally, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The meeting was a complete success, thanks on the one hand to the kindly presence of Bro. Shand in the chair, and the attention shown by the Stewards both to members and visitors; and on the other, to the excellent musical programme, to which Bros. Seymour Smith, Lott, Durant, and others so ably contributed.

SHEPHERDS' BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the evening of Monday, the 22nd ultimo, at the Athenæum, Goldhawk-road. Bro. Lewis Bryett W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. A. B. Baker S.W. and W.M. elect, the rest of his Officers, and a numerous gathering of members, together with the following Visitors, namely—Bros. John O. Carter Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, P.M. and Sec. 209, C. Festa 834, J. M. Levy 185, W. Cubitt 193, Doran Witt 414, J. Lichtwitz 1642, W. Howard W.M. 181, W. Pierpoint J.W. 813, S. Millis P.M. 157, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, Pye 193, J. Williams S.W. 1791, Gorringe I.G. 834, Knight-Smith I.P.M. 1441, Walker Cooper W.M. 538, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Heath 1642, G. Read P.M. 511, Stephen Cooper W.M. 1637, Baker 511, S. Smout W.M. 1642. The Lodge having been opened with the usual preliminaries, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, which proved most satisfactory, was submitted and accepted, after which Bro. Priest was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. House was then passed, and a ballot having been successfully taken for Mr. Charles A. Alberger, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree of Freemasonry. The several ceremonies were most ably rendered by the W.M., and those present silently indicated their appreciation of the treat. Then followed the installation of Bro. Baker as W.M., his immediate predecessor being the Installing Master. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Alfred C. Alais P.M., and that to the Wardens by Bro. Fisher, while the charge to the brethren was given with masterly effect by the I.P.M. After the customary congratulations and salutations, the several Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, viz., Bros. G. Harrison S.W., R. Pierpoint J.W., W. Game P.M. Treasurer, Alfred C. Alais P.M. Secretary, Richard Josey S.D., Peter Burton J.D., Fisher P.M. D.C., J.M. Pierpoint Steward, Brietbart Assist. Steward, and Schofield P.M. Tyler. A candidate was then proposed for initiation, and a letter read from the Rev. Ambrose Hall P.P.G. Chap. P.P.G.S. Surrey, expressing the deep regret he felt that the state of his health was such as to prevent his being present. The I.P.M. Bro. Bryett was next presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in testimony of his able services in the chair during the first year's existence of the Lodge, and when the complimentary terms in which it was offered had been acknowledged in words suitable to the occasion, steps were taken to complete the other business, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a banquet which did the greatest credit to Bro. J. R. Ward, who had charge of all the arrangements, and whose taste in matters culinary is to be commended most highly. The wines, too, are a credit to the Lodge. They have their own cellars, and are, therefore, in a position to secure vintages of a quality beyond what are supplied by the ordinary *restaurateur*. At the close of the repast, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Grand Officers Present and Past being acknowledged by Bro. Clarke A.G. Purs. The Worshipful Master's health was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. I.P.M. Bryett, who expressed his belief that the Lodge might anticipate a very prosperous year under its new Master. Bro. Baker acknowledged the compliment paid him, and hoped that during the term of his office he might be able to emulate the merits of his predecessor. He concluded by proposing the health of the Past Master, coupling with it the name of Bro. Bryett, to whom it had been his great privilege to present that evening a Past Master's jewel, in token of the Lodge's appreciation of his services. Bro. Bryett expressed his acknowledgments in heartfelt terms, and trusted he should for years to come be able to point with pride to the token he had that day received from the Shepherd's Bush Lodge of the appreciation in which his services during the first year of their existence had been held by his comembers. The other customary toasts followed, and the brethren then separated, after a most enjoyable evening. We cannot, however, conclude our few remarks without drawing attention to the excellent arrangements made by this Lodge. The Hall in which it meets is admirably adapted for the purpose, and the cost of its meetings is light. It has, as we have already hinted, an admirable caterer in the person of Bro. J. R. Ward, while its wines leave nothing to be desired, the Lodge having them under its immediate direction and control. These are points which fairly come within our province to direct attention to, and we should be glad if other Lodges exhibited a disposition to look more immediately after their own comforts instead of delegating that important duty to people who are comparatively careless, and take no interest whatever in the clients who patronise them.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet.—This Lodge held its regular meeting, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 26th ult. Bro. Charles Gray W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. John Enerby S.W., J. G. Yolland J.W., R. F. Young P.M. Sec., C. Allen S.D., G. Askew P.M. J.D., Brittain D.C., Parrott I.G., Hopkin and Trigg Stewards. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. J. F. Carrier, and proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. Carrier, however, was not present. When the Bye-laws and Inventory had been read, the Lodge proceeded to the election of W. Master for the ensuing year. The choice fell unanimously on Bro. John Enerby S.W., who expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Lowthin P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, Bros. Brittain, Hopkin, and G. Crutchloe were appointed Auditors, and Bro. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The motion of Bro. Young P.M. and Sec., to the effect that a sum be voted from the Lodge Funds in order to purchase a P.M.'s jewel for presentation to Bro. Gray, at the close of his term of office as W.M., was carried with acclamation. We congratulate Bro. Gray on this evidence of the esteem and respect in which he is held by his Lodge, as well as on the proof it furnishes of the great proficiency he has shown in the fulfilment of his duties. The compliment may not have been looked for, but it cannot be said it was undeserved. The amount of five guineas was also voted to be placed on Bro. Yolland's list as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Gray's motion, that a sum equivalent to 6d per member be contributed from the funds towards defraying the expenses of printing the Provincial Calendar, was carried unanimously. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to a dinner, for which Bro. Hall, who has succeeded Bro. Fisher as host of this old established house, deserves not one, but many words of praise. The usual toasts were honoured, that of the W.M. elect Bro. Enerby being proposed by the W. Master in a few well-chosen terms of compliment, and modestly acknowledged. The toast of the W.M. was also most warmly received, and appropriately responded to. The evening passed off most pleasantly, a very liberal response being made to Bro. Yolland's earnest appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Fund.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On 28th ult., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square; Bros. F. Silvester W.M., Birrell S.W., L. Jacobs J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., N. Vallentine S.D., Paul J.D., B. Kauffmann I.G., Hemming Preceptor, and Bros. H. C. Booking, Edwards, Baker, Lambourne, C. Joseph, E. Storr, and H. M. Levy. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards acting as candidate. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Hemming. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. Lambourne acting as candidate. Both the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively conducted by the W.M. and the Officers. Bro. Birrell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—We have great pleasure correcting a slight error which occurred in our report last week of the installation meeting of this Lodge. It was the new W.M. Bro. F. H. Clemow, not the *retiring* P.M. Bro. J. Douglass, who initiated Bros. A. E. Wauthier and J. S. A. Wilkes. We believe we are correct in saying that Bro. Clemow has been working most assiduously in order to be able to fulfil his duties as accurately and impressively as possible. Bro. Clemow certainly made it apparent, by his conduct in the chair on the occasion, that he is well qualified to enact the Master's part.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1696—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
336—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Stafford shire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1296—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Dorr atic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1583—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 7.30. (Inst.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 6. Annual Banquet
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portlar d Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, MasonicHall, Liverpool.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1288—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER, No. 228.

THE Annual Convocation of this Chapter was convened on Tuesday evening, 23rd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when there was a numerous attendance of Companions and Visitors to witness the Installation of Comp. James Hillhouse as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. Convocation was opened soon after half-past five, in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Comp. Robert Griggs, the retiring M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. James Hillhouse H., John While J., S. Winsland P.Z. Treas., Robert H. Halford Scribe E., Charles K. Killick Scribe N., Edward Davies P.S., R. Pearcy 1st Assist., A. Timothy 2nd Assist., James Terry P.Z., A. Lewis, A. W. Fenner, J. Newton (honorary), W. T. Making, H. Paine, P. Woodman, Robt. D. Lummings, J. Woodman, William J. Goode, W. Fysh, J. Crump (one of the Founders of the United Strength Lodge), Joseph R. Green, and C. Thomas Janitor. Visitors—Comps. G. Ward Verry P.P.G.P. Soj. Herts, and Charles Goolden H. 1706. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. At the conclusion of the formal business, all below the rank of Past Principals were required to withdraw from the Chapter, and Comp. James Terry P.Z. having taken the chair, Comp. James Hillhouse was duly installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, with John While as H., and Robert H. Halford as J. It is scarcely necessary to inform those of our readers who are personally acquainted with the honoured Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and who is not?—that the ceremonies were performed in a most masterly style. Suffice it to say Comp. Terry was in his happiest vein, and the way in which he discharged his duties formed a rich intellectual treat to all who were fortunate enough to be present. The Companions having re-entered the Chapter, the newly installed M.E.Z. invested his Officers as follow:—Comps. S. Winsland P.Z. Treas., Joseph K. Killick Scribe E., Edward Davies Scribe N., R. Pearcy P.S. (who appointed Comps. A. Timothy as 1st Assist., and Dr. Hunter as 2nd Assist.), Comps. A. W. Fenner and Stock Stewards, and C. Thomas Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, convocation was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Throne Room of the hotel, where a banquet had been provided. The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were received with acclamation; Comp. Henry Mills discharging, with his wonted efficiency, the duties of toastmaster. During the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Robert Griggs, in recognition of the zealous and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. during the past year, and in acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered in promoting the welfare and prosperity of the Chapter. Comp. Griggs P.Z. acknowledged the compliment paid to him in a happy speech; in which he observed that he had faithfully endeavoured to fulfil the exalted functions, which, by the kindness of the Companions, were entrusted to him a year before; he was happy in the belief, which was confirmed by the handsome gift he had received at their hands, that he had succeeded in that effort. He should value it as long as he lived, and trusted his interest in the United Strength Chapter would be unabated as years rolled on. The proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious and interesting character.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY LODGE, No. 1863.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland took place on the 29th October, at the Skating Rink, Tynemouth Aquarium, under the banner of the St. George's Lodge, No. 431. There was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province, and the Skating Rink, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, presented a very imposing appearance when the Provincial Grand Officers entered and took their places on the dais. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the V.W. L. M. Cockroft Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stocken Wilson acting as Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge being opened, the acting Provincial Grand Master informed the brethren that he had that morning received a telegram from Earl Percy, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, intimating that sudden indisposition prevented his attendance at Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Cockcroft) was sure all the brethren joined with him in regret that the noble Earl should have been so unfortunately prevented from attending. The regular business of the Province was then proceeded with, and the several reports were submitted and adopted. The sum of £63 was voted to the Masonic Charities, and £88 4s to local Charities. Bro. G. Anderson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Clapham and Hotham Auditors. The ceremony of consecrating the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, was then performed in an impressive manner, a beautiful feature in the ceremony being the splendid singing of a choir composed of brethren from Durham Cathedral. Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. then installed Bro. the Rev. J. Featherstone as Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and having delivered the warrant into his hands, Bro. Featherstone invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Nickals S.W., Gibson J.W., Rev. Humble I.P.M., Stertus Secretary, Rev. Callom Chaplain, Henzell S.D., Rea J.D., Wilson I.G., Robson Tyler. Provincial Grand Lodge was then resumed and the acting Provincial Grand Master appointed the following Officers:—

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Nickals	„	Chaplain
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B. J. Thompson	„	Secretary
R. L. Armstrong	„	Registrar
John Brethwaite	„	Senior Deacon
Cooper	„	Junior Deacon
W. B. Hall	„	Supt. of Works
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M. Catcheside	„	Organist
W. O. Potter	„	Pursuivant
Montgomery	„	Assist. Pursuivant
Curry	„	Tyler

The Prov. Grand Master announced that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of Lodge 24. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Winter Garden of the Tynemouth Aquarium. The usual toast list was gone through, and the brethren separated at a comparatively early hour. Altogether the day's proceedings passed off most successfully.

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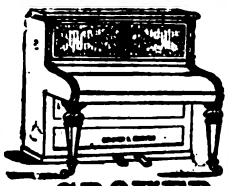
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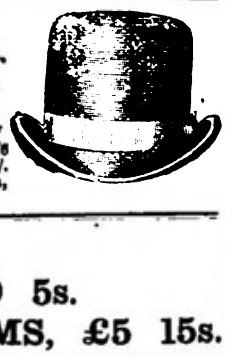
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EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE proposition to increase the accommodation provided by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, so as to allow of the reception of a greater number of lads to a participation in the benefits of that Institution, was, on Saturday, brought before the General Committee of the School, with a result which we hope and believe will prove satisfactory to all concerned. It will be remembered that Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice, at the meeting in November, of his intention to move that the House Committee be instructed to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school house, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children; but that only so much as would accommodate fifty be erected at present. Had this proposal been accepted we are convinced it would have been distasteful to the great majority of the subscribers, who, although content to leave the management of the School in the hands of a small minority, cannot be supposed to coincide with everything done by them. The result, however, proves that an exceptionally strong feeling exists against any addition being made to the present accommodation if an outlay of funds on building operations is necessary. Of the few who attended the meeting on Saturday, a considerable majority went prepared to oppose the proposition of Bro. Stewart, unless the additional accommodation could be provided without the Institution building more premises. It has now virtually been decided to look out for suitable quarters which may be occupied by the Institution at a fixed rental. So far as we are concerned, we thought it our duty strenuously to oppose the proposition as originally put forward, as we consider a further heavy expenditure on bricks and mortar should not on any account be permitted under existing circumstances as regards income, &c., from the fact that by making permanent additions to our buildings, permanent expenses are created;—a result to be avoided, especially at the present time, when many brethren are of opinion that the Masonic Schools are receiving an amount of support which can hardly be relied on as continuous. We trust no diminution in the receipts of those Institutions will ever take place; but it is as well to be prepared for the worst, and so to act in the present as to leave the actions of our brethren of the future untrammeled as far as possible. We therefore hail with gratification the course that has been taken by the Committee of the Boys' School, and look upon it as the first step towards the ultimate adoption of a less expensive maintenance being afforded to some of those orphans who are debarred, through want of accommodation, from being admitted to the full benefits of what we must henceforth call our Upper School. Of course the matter is not yet definitively settled, nor is it advisable it should be decided one way or another until the merits of the case in its several bearings have been carefully inquired into. The accepted motion really stands as before, but with the addition of a proviso allowing the Committee to look for suitable accommodation in some existing building. From the general expression of feeling exhibited on Saturday, we have no doubt the committee, to whom is entrusted the collection of information, will now devote the greater part of their attention to securing offers from holders of eligible buildings already in existence, so as to overcome at once the obstacle which precludes the adoption of more of the lads who have been accepted as fit and proper persons to receive the benefits of the Institution. We are still of opinion, however, that sufficient instructions have not been given to the House Committee. We believe that a greater amount of good could be done by the establishment of grants to be allowed towards a child's education and maintenance among his or her family, and we regret that at present no chance will be given for a trial of that system. The plan was actually proposed by Bro. Perceval, but on Bro. Binckes pointing out that it was the original mode adopted by the Boys' School, and that it proved detrimental to the interests of the Institution, it appears to have been dropped, a result we can but deplore, as had the House Committee been instructed to inquire into this mode also, some information might have been forthcoming which would have gone far to convince the brethren as to the non-practicability or otherwise of assisting some of the candidates in that way. It is not often we question the reasoning of Bro. Binckes, but we hardly think it is good logic on his part to argue that because a plan did not succeed twenty-five years back it would not do so now, and this is more particularly the case as regards a subject which has made such vast strides during the last few years as has education. Still, we must not be too exacting, but rest thankful with the concession that has been made, and leave to the future the work of establishing "assistance" grants. The amendment ultimately adopted appears to have been based on the remarks made by Bro. W. H. Saunders; but there is one point on which we think he might improve, and as it is not yet too late, we hope the committee will consider our view of the subject, and take the necessary steps to put the General Committee in possession of figures, &c. We allude to that part of Bro. Saunders's remarks wherein he suggested that the Institution should hire a building in the neighbourhood of London. That expression may certainly have been used without any limit being fixed as to the area within which the committee might extend its researches, but we think it would be better if they acted in direct opposition to it. What benefit can there possibly be in having the Junior School near London? Why not establish it at some healthy spot in the country, even if not at the sea-side. It is well known that a few years of childhood spent in the country often haves an influence on a person's health which proves beneficial for the whole of his life, and thus we think it would be better to look for premises somewhere away from the smoke and muggy influence of our great metropolis. We should certainly decide in favour of a sea-side establishment, as there can be no question as to the advantage of sea-bathing and a bracing air on the constitution of the young. We have no doubt the brethren of the selected district would take such an interest in the School as would prevent its suffering from being a few miles further from headquarters, and it might perhaps be an additional inducement to them to make further efforts to raise funds for the Institutions. Whatever course may ultimately be decided upon, we feel that no time will be lost by the House Committee in preparing the estimates they are asked for, and all we can hope is, that at no very distant election, the brethren may have such a number of additional vacancies declared as will enable them, if not to take on all the applicants, at least to adopt a considerable majority of them. We are in a position to judge from what was done in the case of Lyncombe House of the probable time that must elapse before a building could be adapted to the requirements of the School, and we may look forward to a speedy solution of the difficulty under which the Committee at present suffer. May the October Election of 1881 prove as welcome to "Our Boys" as did that of the present year to the sister Institution!

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THE ANTI-MASONIC DEFEAT.

(From the New York Times.)

UP to the present hour there is good reason for believing that the Anti-Masonic candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency have been defeated. It is true that there are remote districts from which no returns have yet been received, but it is hoping against hope to imagine that the returns from these districts, when they do come in, will make any material alteration in what now appears to be the result of the election. Messrs. Phelps and Pomeroy have been beaten, and the banner of Anti-Masonry has once more gone down. Freemasonry has again triumphed, and the country will have to reconcile itself to this fact.

Now that the battle is over and lost, we can calmly examine the reasons for the defeat of the Anti-Masonic ticket; and it might be remarked that an examination of this kind is always a more satisfactory proceeding after defeat than before it. It is conceded by all that in many districts there have been large Anti-Masonic gains. In Smithtown, Ohio, where the Anti-Masonic vote in 1876 was 1, it is this year 2, a gain precisely of 100 per cent. In Brownsville, Md., 3 men voted on Tuesday for Phelps and Pomeroy, whereas last year only 2 men voted the Anti-Masonic local ticket at the annual election for the Superintendency of Prowling Pigs. Here is another gain of 50 per cent. In Robinsonville, Ill., Phelps and Pomeroy received 1 vote, which is a clear gain of more per cent. than can well be estimated, inasmuch as the Anti-Masonic ticket in 1876 in that town received only the vote of a young man, aged 18, and this vote was afterwards thrown out by the reckless and perjured men who superintended the counting. In Thompson City, Wis., an old lady publicly announced that she would have voted for Phelps and Pomeroy had she been a man, and this declaration may fairly be counted as an Anti-Masonic gain of several per cent. in a town where hitherto no Anti-Mason, of any well-defined sex, has ever been seen. These figures, taken almost at random from the returns from four different States, show an enormous Anti-Masonic gain, and cannot but awaken the utmost uneasiness for the future in the minds of Freemasons. How has it happened that in spite of such tremendous gains the Anti-Masonic candidates have been defeated? As in the case of all defeated candidates, the explanation is, of course, fraud and corruption, though in this especial instance the malign influence of Freemasonry must also be considered. It can be proved that vast sums of money were expended both by the Republicans and the Democrats to procure the defeat of Phelps and Pomeroy. In one town in Ohio, the name of which is for obvious reasons withheld, a prominent Democratic politician is known to have had upwards of twenty-seven cents in his possession during the week before election, and to have boasted that with this money he could buy the support of three small boys, sons of a worthy widow, who were outspoken advocates of the gallant Phelps and the glorious Pomeroy. In another town in Michigan the grossest intimidation was practised by the physician of a lunatic asylum, who locked an Anti-Masonic patient in his cell, and prevented him from going to the polls in a state of nature—emblematic of purity—and voting the Anti-Masonic ticket. Thus, with aid of money and violence, the Republicans and Democrats, in unholy alliance, succeeded in nullifying the will of the people and placed a Masonic Administration in power.

The opposition to Phelps and Pomeroy did not hesitate to descend to the use of the basest means to influence the minds of the people against the Anti-Masonic candidates. Not one word or syllable of abuse was hurled at either of them. This studied refusal to extend to them the courtesies to which every candidate is entitled admits of no excuse. It cannot be pretended that either Mr. Phelps or Mr. Pomeroy deserved this brutal neglect. Nothing would have been easier than to have charged Mr. Phelps with congenital lunacy, complicated with subsequent idiocity. To the shame of the Democratic and Republican editors, it must be said that they persistently refused to make any such charge. The past public life of Mr. Pomeroy, who was at one time elected Senator from Kansas, and at another time was not, afforded every opportunity to his opponents for vigorous and effective campaign charges, but, nevertheless, he was treated with a systematic and silent contempt which must have made the blood of every earnest Anti-Mason approach the boiling point. These men could not have been treated differently had they been quiet, respectable citizens, who had never been convicted of having been candidates for office. The utter refusal of their opponents to aid them by making charges against them was essentially fraudulent and in direct conflict with the spirit of our Institutions. It remains to be seen whether the matter cannot be brought before an Electoral Commission and the votes of those States which have been unfairly secured by Garfield or Hancock thrown out.

This crushing defeat should not, however, discourage the Anti-Masons. Their cause is a noble one. Garfield, Arthur, Hancock and English are all Freemasons, and as such will unquestionably aid one another in the future, as in the past, in every variety of crime! The accursed spirit of Freemasonry must be put down, and the Anti-Masons must never cease to nominate candidates until they finally triumph at the polls, in spite of the desperate and corrupt devices of their opponents.

THE LATE EARL OF MOIRA, AFTERWARDS MARQUIS OF HASTINGS.

WE do not need the Installation meeting of the Moira Lodge to remind us of the exalted virtues of one of the brightest ornaments of our Society; but the publication elsewhere in our columns of the Report of that meeting is a fair justification for laying before our readers a short *résumé* of the proceedings at the crowning episode in the Masonic career of the distinguished nobleman, after whom Lodge No. 92 is named—the late Earl of Moira, K.G., Acting Grand Master 1789-1813—on whom was subsequently conferred, in recognition of his important services as Governor General of India, the still higher title of Marquis of Hastings. The episode we refer to was the presentation to his lordship of a magnificent gold collar and jewel set with brilliants, of the estimated value of one thousand guineas, in recognition of his great services as Acting Grand Master during a period extending over upwards of one and twenty years, as a token of the love and respect entertained for him by the whole body of the Craft, and as a memento, at the time of his leaving England in order to assume the post of Governor General of India, of that love and respect. The presentation was made the occasion for a grand Masonic display. The meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 27th January 1813. There were present at the banquet a great number of ladies, among them being the Countess of Loudon and Moira, wife of the noble Earl, together with some five hundred brethren, including, in addition to the noble recipient of the intended honour, Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Sussex D.G. Master, York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, and Gloucester; the Grand Wardens for the year; the Hon. Washington Shirley, Sir John Eamer, Sir William Rawlins, and Sir Claudius S. Hunter, Past G.S. Wardens; the Earl of Pomfret, Prov. G.M. Northamptonshire; General Sir John Doyle, K.B., Prov. G.M. Guernsey, &c.; R.W. Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright, Prov. G.M. for the Ionian Islands, with the Prov. G.M.'s of Berks, Beds, Herts, Essex, Westmoreland, Anglesea, and Hayti; Lord Kinnaird, D.G.M. Scotland; the Chevalier De Kanzow, Swedish Minister to the United States; Bro. John Bayford P.G.J.W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. H. White G.S., Rev. Lucius Coghlan, D.D. Chaplain. The chair was taken by the Duke of Sussex D.G.M., who had the guest of the evening, the Earl of Moira, on his right hand, and the Duke of York on his left. The Duke of Kent's band was present in the gallery, and there were also present to assist in this portion of the proceedings a number of the most eminent vocalists of the day. The first toast that was given on the removal of the cloth was that of the King, which was drunk with three times three, and was followed by the "Prince Regent" M.W.G.M., which was similarly honoured. Then came the toasts of "the Duke of York and the Army" and "the Duke of Clarence and the Navy," each Royal Duke returning thanks for the compliments respectively paid them, while the Duke of Kent replied for the other members of the Royal Family present. The Earl of Moira next rose, and in a few well-chosen words gave the toast of "Health, Happiness, and Many Returns of this Day to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex"; the toast taking that particular form as the day chanced to be, by a singular coincidence, the anniversary of the Duke's birth, while Lord Moira's announcement of this fact met with the most enthusiastic applause. His Royal Highness having gracefully returned thanks, and a short interval having elapsed, he again rose for the purpose of submitting the toast of the evening, which was couched in the following terms—"The Earl of Moira, the Friend of his Prince, the Friend of his Country, and the Friend of Mankind." His Royal Highness's speech was worthy of the occasion, and we wish our space permitted of its reproduction in full. But failing the ability to do this, we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of making one or two extracts. Thus, in presenting to the notice of those assembled the character of the noble lord, the illustrious Duke said:—"I shall allude to him as a statesman and a soldier, for in those two characters I can introduce him into the Society at present, reserving his character of a Mason for the consideration of the Brotherhood when our fair visitors have withdrawn. As a soldier, his military character has been long known; he has distinguished himself more than once by his feats and his gallantry as early as in the American War. I may next call your attention to the recollection of his campaign in Flanders, where he so eminently assisted my Illustrious Brother, the Duke of York, who now sits on my left, and who will bear testimony with what alacrity that noble Lord came forward and assisted him upon that occasion." He then went on to speak of him as a statesman, and then proceeded,—"I will now go from his high station down to the lowest, and I ask you, if his character, in every point of view, does not call forth your admiration? I will challenge any one of the numerous brethren now present, if they do not consider themselves under personal obligations to that noble Earl? Of that universal benevolence of heart which extended its bounty to all around him, I am sure every one who hears me has seen so many instances during the period of twenty-one years, in which he has presided over the interests of the Fraternity, that you must be all penetrated with a high sense of the gratitude which is due to him."

When the applause which greeted these remarks had subsided, the Earl of Moira returned his thanks. After deprecating the too eulogistic terms in which the toast had been proposed, his Lordship went on to ascribe the qualities he had exhibited as "only the emanation of the principles cultivated in this hallowed Institution; the practical effect of those lessons, which Masonry inculcates, not for purposes of mysticism, but in the hope of their influence on the interests of society." With reference to his services he could only claim credit for zeal in the cause of his country. He also expressed his indebtedness to the Prince Regent, who had placed him in the position he had so long occupied in Masonry; it was owing to His Royal Highness's kindness he was receiving so great a compliment that day. His admirable remarks on the connection of Royalty with the Craft cannot but evoke the sympathy of all Craftsmen, who are doubtless as fully sensible of the great benefits resulting from is as Lord Moira was. "Dignifying, indeed," said the noble earl, "it is to the Craft, to see those elevated personages exhibit their fellowship with us. But it is not merely a superficial honour to which your minds should be alive. No, you ought to feel the incalculable benefit which the serious objects of Masonry must derive from this public display of the sentiments of Royalty towards the Brotherhood; this avowal from so many of those immediately connected with the Throne, that they make common cause with your welfare and your affections. Let us carry this thought further. Let us exult

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in the advantage which may ensue to every class in Britain, from the circumstance that these elevated individuals could not have been present here had they not previously received all those solemn inculcations with which Masonry endeavours to dispose the heart of each of the initiated to promote the comfort of his fellow. Every one of these Illustrious Persons has had the important lesson whispered into his ear, 'Be Simple, be Benignant, be Man!' And the germ planted in minds like theirs cannot be unfruitful. They comprehend their rich reward. They share with us in the glowing confidence that the beneficence of a superintending Father perpetually shields us. They participate with us in that sure hope of the future, which makes our present existence appear but a speck in the immensity of our immortal heritage. They are assimilated to us in all the generous affections of that charity, which tells us that kindness to all must be the oblation most acceptable to Him, who, in creating all, could have no motive but their happiness. When Royalty cherishes such sentiments, its commixture with social life is a blessing. Need I remark how proud the distinction is for our own beloved country, that the presence of these Illustrious Persons, in meetings of convivial society, so far from being a check upon hilarity, is an encouragement which renders enjoyment more grateful. Yes, the influence of Royalty in Britain is never felt but as the genial zephyr which cheers and invites to expansion every bud it breathes upon; while in other realms, it is the wind from the desert, withering all over which it passes."

Lord Moira resumed his seat amidst the most tremendous enthusiasm, and an ode, especially written by R.W. Bro. Rodwell Wright Prov. G.M. of the Ionian Islands, was sung by Mr. Bellamy, after which the ladies and strangers withdrew, and the Jewel having been carried on a velvet cushion round the room by Bro. T. H. Farquhar P.G.S.W. as Master of the Ceremonies, the Duke of Sussex rose for the purpose of making the presentation. In the course of his speech will be found the following passage:—

"Masonry, as you well know, is one of the most sublime and perfect institutions that ever was formed for the advancement of happiness and general good to mankind, creating, in all its varieties, universal benevolence and brotherly love. It holds out allurements so captivating, as to inspire the Brotherhood with emulation to deeds of glory, such as must command, throughout the world, veneration and applause, and such as must entitle those who perform them to dignity and respect. It teaches us those useful, wise, and instructive doctrines, upon which alone true happiness is founded; and at the same time affords those easy paths by which we attain the rewards of virtue; it teaches us the duties which we owe to our neighbour, never to injure him in any one situation, but to conduct ourselves with justice and impartiality; it bids us not divulge the mystery to the public, but it orders us to be true to our trust, to be above all meanness and dissimulation, and in all our avocations to perform religiously that which we ought to do. As Masons and Brethren, we always stand upon a level by the principles which we are taught; we are all of the same family, high and low, rich and poor, created by the same Almighty Power, and preserved in existence by a consolation and support originating from the same source. Still, however, Masonry teaches us to show respect and honour to each man to whom respect and honour are due, according to the respective characters of each individual; and when individuals deserve well of the whole Fraternity, it displays that additional lustre, that Masons unite heart and hand, to evince conjointly their high estimation of meritorious services. We, therefore, my Lord, behold in you that illustrious character who calls forth the respect and approbation of the whole Fraternity; who, forsaking your own comforts in your native country, and, as it were even your high station in society, deigned to turn your philosophic mind, with all its energies, to promote the welfare and happiness of this particular association, as if sent by the bounty of Providence to guard the best interests of this people. You, who possess that character, commanding respect and confidence, have laboured with effect to impose and to enforce those duties which are necessary to the welfare and success of the Craft. When we behold such a character, we cannot but help feeling how much virtue has been hid in the shade, and, at the same time, how much your high intellect has been exerted for the advancement and prosperity of this society."

When the Duke invested the Earl with the jewel and brought his remarks to a close, Lord Moira, with eloquent brevity, returned thanks, having, before doing so, taken the chair in place of the Duke of Sussex. Other speeches followed, and Grand Lodge was closed by the noble Acting Grand Master, when all the brethren, as had been previously arranged, out of compliment to his Lordship, retired.

Little remains to be added. An engraving of the jewel, published in the account from which the foregoing details have been taken, shows it to have been a very magnificent one. The collar, which was three feet in length, was composed of *seven* rows of fine gold Maltese chain, intersected by *five* gold parallelograms with brilliant centres. On the reverse of the jewel, within a garter bearing the inscription "Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent M.W. Grand Master," is the following:—

Presented
In Open Grand Lodge,
The 27th day of January A.D. 1813, A.L. 5817,
To Brother the Earl of Moira, K.G., &c., &c., &c.,
As a token of Fraternal, Affectionate, and Respectful Gratitude
for his
Zealous, Constant, and Faithful Discharge of the important Trust
Reposed in his Lordship
As M. Acting Gd. Master
During a period of upwards of 21 years.

The design and execution of this work of art were entrusted to Bro. J. C. Burckhardt, of Northumberland-street, Past S.W. of Antiquity Lodge; and the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge were unanimously voted to him, not only for his success, but also because, with a rare liberality, he charged less than £670, the mere cost price of material and labour, while the jewel was valued by experts at £1500.

LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

A HIGHLY successful meeting in connection with the above Institution was held on the 19th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, where the mother Lodge, 1421, is held. The proceedings, although being in connection with the obsequies of the Association, after a useful lifetime of a little over four years, were of a hearty and enjoyable character.

Under the genial presidency of Bro. J. G. Stevens (President), with Bro H. N. Taylor, W.M. 1421, as Vice-President, the brethren sat down to a well-served supper, Bro. S. Watkins superintending the arrangements for the comfort of the brethren in his usual successful manner. After supper had been satisfactorily disposed of, Bro. Stevens briefly introduced the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers Past and Present," which were received in the usual hearty manner. Bro. J. J. Berry favoured the brethren with the favourite song, "Welcome ever, welcome friends, we love to see you round," which gave great satisfaction. At its conclusion Bro. Stevens had handed to him a beautiful inscription upon vellum, framed, and a silver salver. He said: By the production of these articles you correctly guess what is to be the nature of my next toast, one which I am sure you will all most heartily join in; it is the health of our esteemed Brother Thomas Stoate Taylor, Hon. Secretary of this Association. You are all aware how hard Bro. Taylor has worked, for over four years, and what gratifying results have attended his efforts in aiding the sustentation of the Institutions of the Order. Without such Associations as these in working, such assistance could not be afforded them. Many a brother could not put down £10 10s to qualify himself as a Life Governor of one of the three Institutions, but here was an Association which enabled a brother, by the payment of one shilling per week, to become a Life Governor. For the great success which had attended it, and for its successful close, they were mainly indebted to Bro. Taylor. They had paid for 90 Life Governorships, viz., 27 to the Boys, 26 to the Girls, and 37 to the Aged Freemasons, while the balance of the fund will be devoted to three Life Governorships—one for the President, one for the Secretary, and one in the name of the Worshipful Master for the time being of the Langthorne Lodge. After other eulogistic remarks, Bro. Stevens, amid cheers, begged Bro. Taylor to accept the presentation.

The inscription was as follows, and the execution gave general satisfaction to all:—

The Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association.
This Testimonial is presented to
Bro. Thomas Stoate Taylor, P.M. Lodge 1421, and W.M. Lodge 554,
Hon. Secretary of the Association.

The Committee and Members desire to express their appreciation of the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which the duties of Secretary have been performed during the past four years; and now, upon its successful termination, they are gratified to acknowledge the fact that, mainly through his zealous exertions, a sum exceeding £960 has been contributed to the Masonic Institutions of the Order, and which doubtless would not have been raised but for the facility afforded by this Association.

Signed on behalf of the Committee and Members,

Jno. G. Stevens, *President*,

November 1880.

The silver salver was engraved as follows:—
Presented by the Members of the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association to Bro. Thomas Stoate Taylor, P.M. 1421, and W.M. 554, as a mark of respect, and in appreciation of his zealous services as its Honorary Secretary.

November 1880.

Bro. J. S. Taylor, in the course of his reply, said he thanked them for the hearty manner in which his health had been received, and especially the Chairman for the kind expressions he had used towards himself. He did not rise as a mourner, but with gladsome brow to think they had brought the Association to a successful end. Having traced the origin of the Association, which started with about 120 members, of whom 90 were now Life Governors, he could safely say not one-fourth would have been so but for such an Association as this. With regard to himself, he thanked them most cordially and heartily for the marked respect they had paid him that evening; he should ever regard it as a landmark. As a recognition of work done, it would act as an incentive to every brother who would look upon it to continue to work for the poor children and the aged people who cannot help themselves.

The other toasts given were the President and the Vice-President, responded to by Bro. H. N. Taylor; the Masonic Charities, to which Bros. Binckes and Terry, the Secretaries of the Boys' School and Institution for Aged Freemasons, respectively responded, in their usual forcible manner; the Masonic Press, which was acknowledged by Bro. G. H. Stephens; and the Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a close. Mention is due to Bro. J. Chatfield Large, whose ably furnished the accompaniment to the songs of Bros. Berry, Dix, Biggs, Stephens. Bro. J. G. Stevens also gave a capital humorous recitation, in his best style. Among those present were Bros. J. G. Stevens President, H. N. Taylor Vice-President, T. S. Taylor Hon. Secretary, G. F. Dix S.W. 1421, Holliday and Briant Past Masters 1076, G. Jones, E. W. Walter S.W. 554, Taplay W.M. 1076, March, Boulton, Allen, Tholander, Austin, M. Hunt, Walker, Guernsey, Harcourt, &c.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. presided. There were also present Brēs. Leopold Ruf, Charles Sanders, Charles J. Perceval, William Roebuck, J. G. Chancellor, George Coppin, W. H. Saunders, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Richard Tyrrell, D. M. Dewar, S. Rawson, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey, H. Young, Alfred Williams, Thomas Bull, Herbert Dicketts, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. G. Rushworth, Frederick Adlard, W. Paas, Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope G.C., W. W. Perryman, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Committee adoptod the recommendation of the House Committee to raise the salary of the Foreign Master £10 a year. The Chairman brought forward his motion, of which he gave notice at the November meeting: "That it be an instruction to the House Committee to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school-house, with convenient offices, on the vacant spece of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accommodate fifty children be erected at present." He stated that his object was, that there should be a Preparatory School for the Junior Candidates. The time had arrived when the benefits of the Institution should be extended. The Institution was benefitted to a large amount by the boys being kept at the School only till fifteen years of age, instead of sixteen as formerly, and that advantage should be given to an extra number of boys. There was no room for erecting more wings on the present premises. The ground on the opposite side was producing but £8 or £9 a year, for grazing purposes, and could be beneficially utilised by having a Preparatory School erected on it, where junior scholars could be educated by ladies till they were nine or ten years of age, when they could be drafted into the Upper School. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. Roebuck, who thought there should be a separate building for the younger boys. Bro. Binckes said the scheme was one which he had long thought of; but since the notice of Bro. Stewart was given, he had received several letters which showed there was a feeling abroad that fresh building operations would be entered into. To this he found there was an objection, as it was thought the fund in hand would be encroached upon. That fund amounted now to £15,000, and he hoped during the next year to raise it to £20,000. He was strongly opposed to one shilling of that being touched for the new scheme, as it had been raised by the exertions of brethren in past years. If the brethren of the present generation wished to have the new building, let them say they would raise the money for it, and relieve the brethren who had already worked so hard for the Institution, by putting their hands again into their pockets for that new scheme. Bro. W. H. Saunders, while admitting the necessity of an extension of the Institution, thought that instead of building a new school they should hire a building in the neighbourhood of London where the new school could be tenants. He thonght there would be no difficulty in getting this at £100 a-year. The motion might be so altered as to give the House Committee the power of considering the subject of taking a building already built elsewhere. Bro. Henry Young wished it to be distinctly understood where the funds were to come from for the new building. If an appeal was made to the Craft for funds, the brethren would collect the money to raise those funds, and the parent Institution would be left in the lurch. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said there were strong objections among the Craft generally, and particularly among the brethren of West Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Cheshire against more building operations. The present building could not be increased. There was a demand for the benefits of the Institution for more candidates. There was a large number of unsuccessful candidates after last election, and there would be only three vacancies in April. Consequently there would be a great addition to the unsuccessful candidates after that election, and a larger number after the election in October. They must look to the present state of things, and see whether it was not possible to meet the demands made on the Craft. Brother Stewart's motion only went to erecting a new building; but he thought an addition might be made to it, which would embrace the taking of an existing building, such as Brother Saunders had referred to. Brother Binckes, with reference to the observations of Bro. Woodford, as to the number of unsuccessful candidates, said that there would be 'at least twenty vacancies in April, though there would only be a few in October. He did not think the balance of unsuccessful candidates would be anything like so large as was supposed. Bro. Perceval thought the junior candidates might be educated out of the School at £20 a-year each. Bro. Binckes said that was the original plan in the Boys' School, but it militated against the success of the Institution, and he hoped they would never return to it. After a good deal of discussion, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart adopted the suggestion of Bro. Woodford, to add to his motion the words—"or to obtain similar requisite accommodation elsewhere, by a new building, or an existing building." The motion, as altered, was unanimously agreed to. Nine candidates were placed on the list for election in April, and outfits of £5 each were granted to two former pupils of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

Obituary.

BROTHER J. L. RASTRICK.

WE regret to announce the death of Bro. Joseph Linnington Rastrick, which occurred at his residence, Sussex-place, Southsea, on Tuesday night, 30th ult. Bro. Rastrick for several years represented St. Paul's Ward in the Town Council, and was also a member of the defunct Landport and Southsea Commissioners, and of the Board of Guardians, but he has not recently taken any active part in public life. He was a much-respected member of the Masonic craft, being the oldest P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and P.Z. of the Chapter.—*Portsmouth T.*

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. MURLIS, SECRETARY 1642.

A COMPLIMENTARY dinner was given on Thursday, 2nd inst., by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, together with some friends, to Bro. W. J. Murlis, one of the Founders and present Secretary of that Lodge. The day chosen was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bro. Murlis's marriage, and the opportunity was taken advantage of to present to him a testimonial in recognition of the respect in which he is held, not only by the members of the Lodge, but of all who have dealings with him. The testimonial took the form of a handsome gold keyless chronometer for himself, and a set of ear-rings, brooch, and locket for Mrs. Murlis. The chair was occupied by Bro. Samuel Smout, the W.M. of the Lodge, and the vice-chair by the Rev. C. Darby-Reade S.W. Bro. Smout was also supported by Bros. E. M. Lander, G. Penn, S. Parkhouse, W. Stephens, J. H. Pearson, Churchwarden Bailey, Dr. Carpenter, Humfress W.M. Westbourne Lodge, Hallett W.M. elect Westbourne Lodge, S. Smout junior, J. Bartle, W. Woodmason, W. Buckland, J. H. Rutherglen, J. D. Adkins, R. Green, Dr. Pocock, Dr. Rule, Fisher, F. J. Moore, H. Watson, B. Jeffries, &c. &c. After the conclusion of the repast, which was well served at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, by Bro. Linscott, the proprietor thereof, the chairman gave the usual Loyal toasts. Rising to propose the health of Bro. Murlis, he remarked that they might consider that toast the principal one of the evening. They had assembled to celebrate the silver wedding of their honoured and respected Secretary Brother Murlis. Most of those present were in a position to judge for themselves of the very excellent services he had rendered to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge as Founder, Master, and Secretary. He was pleased they were also in a position, through the liberality and kindness of those assembled and a few other friends, to present to Bro. Murlis a testimonial as a token of their appreciation and their gratitude. The inscription on the watch was then read, the chairman remarking that he was sure the sentiments therein expressed was re-echoed in the hearts of all present. He was also delighted to say that they had also a small present for Mrs. Murlis, and he hoped that the articles that night presented to her by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would serve her as adornments until the day of her golden wedding. The inscription on the watch was as follows:—

Presented to
BROTHER WILLIAM J. MURLIS P.M.,
on the occasion of his
Silver Wedding, by the Members of the
Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, as a token of their
esteem and regard, and in recognition of his
services as Secretary and Founder.
2nd December 1880.

The set for Mrs. Murlis was enclosed in a leather case, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
MRS. MURLIS, by the Members
of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642,
on her Silver Wedding Day.
2nd December 1880.

These gifts were supplemented by Bro. W. Stephens, who presented, in the name of himself and wife, a handsome cruet, as a small token of their personal regard for Bro. and Mrs. Murlis, who, Bro. Stephens said, had been known to him through the whole course of their married life. Bro. Murlis on rising to respond, was heartily received. He would not say, as was usual, that he was almost choked, for, on the contrary, his tongue was now let loose, and he most heartily thanked his friends for the hearty way in which they had celebrated his silver wedding day. Twenty-five years since he had little idea that he should see aronnd him so many dear friends. He was then a stranger in London, now he had friends far and near. Fortunately for him he could look back on his married life as a most happy one, and that night he felt in the position of being able to claim the flitch of bacon, aye, and twenty-four other flitches for the years that had passed since his marriage. He had to thank them most heartily for the handsome gift they had been good enough to present to him, and also for the kindness they had evinced towards his wife. He had thought it would have been best for the whole of the laurels to have been worn by his better half, but the brethren had decided to make them both recipients of their bounty Bro. Murlis felt his wife would prize the gift more than anything ever presented to her, as being the gift of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. To Bro. Stephens he had to say a few words of especial thanks, as it was to him virtually that he owed the whole of his Masonic laurels, he (Bro. Stephens) having introduced him into Freemasonry. Bro. G. Penn gave the health of the visitors of the evening, which was responded to by Messrs. Bayley, Walker, Watson, and Hallett. Bro. E. M. Lander then proposed the health of Bro. Samuel Smout, the Chairman of the evening. Those who know Bro. Smout in his official position as W.M. of the Lodge loved and respected him, and he (Bro. Lander) felt that no one could be found more fitted to fill the chair on such an occasion as that they had met to celebrate. Bro. Smout thanked the brethren and visitors; in the course of his remarks he rectified one omission he had made. The present was not only the year of Bro. and Mrs. Murlis's silver wedding, but was likewise the jubilee of their birthdays. The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent songs, and everything was done that could add to the enjoyment of the company.

Messrs. A. and F. Pears, the well-known soap manufacturers, have offered the Government to print gratis the whole of the forms required in taking the forthcoming Census returns, with permission to have the advertisement of "Pears's Soap" on the back. About eight million forms will be required.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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THE MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday evening, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. Harold Carter, who was supported by Bros. G. C. Andrew S.W. and W.M. elect, E. Horne P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle P.M. Secretary, Atkins P.M., R. F. Gould G.S.D. P.M., and other Officers and members, together with the following visitors, among whom it will be seen were several distinguished brethren:—Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre G.R., Rev. J. H. Smith P.P.G. Chaplain Leicestershire and Rutland, John H. Scott G.J.D., Frank Richardson G.S.D., Magnus Ohren G.A.D.C., C. Greenwood G.S.B., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., R. Grey P.G.D., Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney G.J.D., T. W. Kingsmill D.G.S.W. Rutland, G. P. Hague 570, H. Dumbleton Apollo University, E. L. Horne 227, G. Wallis 916, H. Weston P.M. 231, W. E. Horne 1826, John Smith, J. H. C. Coles P.M. 916, J. E. Casell 46, J. Holah Grand Master's, R. M. Gardener United Service, R. Pidcock P.M. 916, B. Coulson Robins 186, C. Kerr W.M. 1067, J. F. Norbury S.W. 1523, W. Elgood late Royal Oak, C. T. Dent Westminster and Keystone, E. R. Atkins 1820, G. Webster P.M. 569, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After Lodge was opened, and the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Bro. Andrew as W.M. was proceeded with, the officiating Master being Bro. Josiah Houle P.M., who undertook the duty last year, and was equally successful in its performance on this occasion. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the year, among them being Bros. H. F. Auldjo S.W., T. L. Wilkinson J.W., E. Horne P.M. Treasurer, J. Houle P.M. Secretary, W. Bohm S.D., A. Dent J.D., T. C. Speight Tyler. Past Masters' jewels were presented to Bros. G. J. Atkins and Edgar Horne, that to the former being given in commemoration of his having entered on the fifty-third year of his membership of the Lodge, while the latter received his in recognition of his very valuable services during the last nine years in the capacity of Treasurer. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by each brother in turn. An address of congratulation was afterwards presented to Bro. R. F. Gould, on his appointment as Grand Senior Deacon, and Bro. Gould having warmly expressed his thanks for the compliment, the other business was despatched and Lodge closed. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which proved to be a great credit to the proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. After dinner, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In the case of the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master mentioned incidentally that to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, who was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Moira Lodge as far back as the year 1813, was indirectly due the birth of Her Majesty in England. The worthy baronet was travelling on the Continent towards the close of the year 1818, when he chanced to meet their Royal Highnesses the late Duke and Duchess of Kent, and he urged on the Duke how desirable it was the heir or heiress that might be born to him should first see the light on British soil. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, Bro. Andrew spoke of the high appreciation in which His Royal Highness was held, and also referred to the congratulatory resolution to the Princess of Wales, passed in Grand Lodge on the 1st instant, in honour of her thirty-sixth birthday, when the brethren there assembled wished Her Royal Highness many happy returns of the day. In speaking of the Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master referred to the pleasure as well as efficiency with which they fulfilled their duties, and the great popularity they enjoyed in consequence. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, who, in replying, expressed his thanks for the honour done both to him and his colleagues, and congratulated the Lodge on one of its members, Bro. Gould, having had conferred on him this year the great honour of a Grand Senior Deaconship. He spoke in terms of eulogy of the brilliant services to Freemasonry of one of the brightest lights of the Moira Lodge—the late Bro. Potter, and expressed a belief that it would win additional lustre under the able sway of its present Master. He fully complimented the Installing Master (Bro. Houle) on the efficient and impressive manner in which he had carried out his task. Then followed the toast of the evening, which is invariably given on these occasions, "The Pious Memory of the Earl of Moira"—afterwards Marquis of Hastings. In proposing this the Worshipful Master briefly touched upon the leading incidents in the career of that distinguished nobleman, as a soldier, a statesman, and a Freemason; and expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Gould for having kindly furnished him with the materials for so doing. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. The duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master devolved on Bro. Carter, who made several happy allusions to the nationality of the different Worshipful Masters who had guided the destinies of the Lodge. After a suitable reply from Bro. Andrews, who trusted he should be able to fulfil the anticipations of Bro. McIntyre, and that during his term of office he should have many duties to perform, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters—Bros. Carter, Atkins—who, however, had been under the necessity of leaving early—Webster, Houle, Horne, Harben, and Gould. Brother Carter acknowledged this, after which the toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Scott G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master Sussex. The other toasts were given in order, and the brethen then rose. An admirable musical programme was provided, under the direction of Bro. Lawler, who was assisted by Miss Annie Sinclair, Bro. Schartau, and Mr. Sidney Tower, Bro. Schartau presiding at the pianoforte.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 309.—At the usual meeting on Thursday evening, 2nd inst., the Rev. A. A. Headley, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Hants and the Isle of Wight, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

HORNSEY LODGE, No. 890.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. A number of the members of the Lodge were present, and it was but natural to expect that the placing in the chair of King Solomon, for the second time, he having already filled the office in a Surrey Lodge, of so well-known and hard-working a member of the Craft as Bro. S. J. Turquand P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, should cause an influx of visitors to the Lodge—almost equal in number to the members; they made conjointly a very large assembly. Admirably was the impressive ceremony performed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Kempster, M.D., eliciting the warm applause of the hearers. Bro. Turquand appointed and invested, in a formula that explicitly detailed their several privileges and duties, his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. G. Smith S.W., Walters J.W., Churchward, M.D., S.D., Bolton J.D., French I.G., Crawley D.C., Willis W.S., Rickman A.W.S. Bro. Kempster, M.D., was presented with a handsome jewel, on his retirement from the chair. At the banquet, provided by the proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern in his best manner, the usual toasts were given and acknowleged. If more warmth was expressed in the reception of some where all were cordially received, those of the W.M. and the Masonic Charities might be mentioned. "The Visitors" met with fitting replies from Bros. Greenwood G.S.B. P.G.S. Surrey, Greenwood jun. P.G.R. Surrey, H. E. Travers P.P.G.D. Surrey, Tew, and others. The W.M. intimated it was his intention to be Steward to the Boys' in June next. Bros. Binckes and Terry, in replying for the Masonic Charities, told the oft-repeated tale how worthy those Charities were of support, and told it with the charm of novelty, and with an eloquence that will not fail, we think, to be remembered by the brethren when they are called upon by the W.M. for support in the duty he has undertaken. Much delight was given during the evening by some excellent singing by Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., Messrs. Lovett King, and H. Prenton, with recitations by Bro. J. A. Keable. Miss Berrie Stephens rendered Millard's charming song "Waiting" exquisitely, and was warmly applauded and enthusiastically encored. Bro. Turquand is to be congratulated that his first essay in the chair of a London Lodge was a decided success.

ST. MARGARET'S LODGE, No. 1454, LOWESTOFT.

THE Anniversary of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 6th instant, on which occasion Bro. William Sayer, who had been elected W.M. of the Lodge at the previous meeting, was duly installed in office, the Installing Master being Bro. Major P. Allez P.M. P. Prov. G.S.W., who was assisted by Bro. W. Woolner Garnham P.M. P. Prov. G.S.W. Secretary. There was a numerous gathering of the brethren from various Lodges in the Provinces of Suffolk and Norfolk, among whom were Bros. Youell P.M. Prov. G.S.W., F. A. Mann P.M. G.O., Clark P.M. Prov. P.G.P., and Crane Prov. G.J.W. The Officers and members mustered in strong force. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Bro. Sayer in the chair of K.S. was most ably carried out by the officiating Master and his coadjutors. After the customary salutations Bro. Sayer appointed among others the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. J. C. Barnes S.W., Esthaugh J.W., Garnham P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, Elwes S.D., Todd J.D., &c. After hearty good wishes had been expressed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Suffolk Hotel, which reflected much credit on Messrs. Hayward and Pullen, the caterers. The tables were tastefully set out with epergnes and flowers, and the room was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems and devices. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the W.M. being received with acclamation. The brethren separated after a most agreeable evening.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Friday, 3rd December, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Brecon. Present Bros. Frank Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, John Morgan S.D., H. O. A. Maybery Secretary, E. H. Teale Assist. Secretary, Rhys Davies J.D., A. Orlopp Steward, E. T. Edwards ditto, James Jones Tyler; Thomas Butcher, Richard Webb, and H. C. Rich sen., Past Masters. The business comprised the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. The choice of the brethren fell on Bro. J. A. Whittle S.W. for the former office, while Bro. Price was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Jones reappointed Tyler. The W.M. elect thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him. A distressed brother was then relieved, and Lodge was closed.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The usual meeting took place at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Monday, the 6th inst., when Bro. George Davis W.M. 167 presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Hemming 1287 as S.W., Side W.M. 1507 as J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732 S.W. 1507 as acting Preceptor, E. Storr Secretary, and a numerous gathering of members. When the Lodge had been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the work of the Fifteen Sections was at once taken in hand, the labours being thus distributed—First Lecture—Bros. A. Hubbard, W. M. Stiles, E. Storr, W. Side, J. C. Smith, Hemming, Gush. Second Lecture—T. Cull, H. De Hane, Hemming, R. Larchin, E. A. Dutton. Third Lecture—E. F. Pierdon, F. W. Sillis, Edwin Storr. The work was well and expeditiously carried out, and, in recognition of his services in the chair, a cordial vote of thanks, coupled with the further compliment of honorary membership of the Lodge, was unanimously passed to Bro. Davis, who, as cordially and in feeling terms, acknowledged the honour paid him. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. Hemming S.W. The Lodge is to be congratulated on having so efficient a Secretary as Bro. Edwin Storr, who labours most assiduously; and

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likewise in having secured so worthy a successor to the late Preceptor Bro. Thos. Adams as Bro. Stiles. The Metropolitan may also congratulate itself on the general efficiency of its members, as well as in the ability of its principal executive officers. With such guidance and support it may look forward to a long career of prosperity. Bros. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and T. Cull W.M. 1446, were elected members of the Lodge.

ZETLAND, No. 1071.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Saltash, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Three gentlemen were initiated, the W.M. Bro. Richard Pearce ably performing the ceremony. Afterwards, in a Board of Installed Masters—amongst whom were Wor. Bros. Rev. H. A. Noel P.M. 433 Prov. Grand Chaplain Scotland, R. Pearce W.M., W. Foxwell P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Rawlings P.M. Secretary; Bros. W. R. L. Clarke P.M., S. Goodman P.M., J. T. Brooking P.M., E. Aitken Davies P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Richard Cawsey I.P.M. and S. 230, J. H. Rogers P.M. 13 Woolwich, J. H. R. Harris W.M. 230, C. Watson P.M. 954, L. J. Webber W.M. 1550, F. Littlejohn P.M. 159, J.W. 1847, and Edward Trood W.M. 789—the W.M. elect, Bro. James Pearce, brother of the retiring W.M., was admirably installed by Bro. Joseph Rawlings, and after the ceremony, the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Wor. Bros. R. Pearce I.P.M., E. Herring S.W., E. C. Vosper J.W., W. Foxwell Treasurer, J. Rawlings Secretary, W. H. L. Clarke Chaplain, T. D. Deeble S.D., G. Burns J.D., E. R. Doney I.G., W. King D.C., J. Bowden S.S., J. Dillon J.S., J. C. Kinsman T. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at Bro. Carpenter's Hotel.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., Bro. Edwin Tout was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. L. D. Westcott was elected Treasurer and Representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bros. J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, W. Adam, E. A. Lean, and E. Tout the Committee of the Associated Lodges. The installation is appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 29th instant, and the banquet will be provided at Bro. Watts's, Globe Hotel.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, held at Bro. Fysh's Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present Bros. A. Mullord W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Gilham J.D., Thompson I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Trewinnard, McMillan, Moss, Valentine, J. Lorkin, Fysh, E. Woodman, Weeden, Mendelsohn, Richardson, Defriez, Selig, Wolf, Giller, Bird, Langley, A. Reason, T. Reason, Pelikan, &c. Lodge was opened in usual form; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very excellent manner by the W.M. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off and on; Bro. Bird answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, and was duly entrusted. This brother, who belongs to the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, was duly elected a member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. A. Ferrar was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At the regular meeting, at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 8th inst, the chair was occupied by Bro. E. W. Walter (S.W. of the Mother Lodge), who was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Loane S.W., Forss J.W., Taylor Deacon, Springfield I.G., Andrews P.M. kindly acting as Preceptor, Howes, March, Harvey, Anderson, Ellingford, Poulter, and Stephens. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and, on being resumed in the first, the ceremony of installation was capitally rendered, Bro. March candidate. The first three sections were worked by Bro. Andrews and the brethren, Bro. J. Taylor rendering valuable assistance as Preceptor. Bro. Poulter, who was recently initiated in the Mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 8th instant, at Bro. Hustley's, Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal-green Junction. Bros. Dr. Defriez W.M., Sturtevant S.W., Brittain J.W., Hand Secretary, Stewart S.D., Chitson J.D., Ward I.G., Hogg Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Webb, McDonald, Christian, Clark, Dardonne, Abraham, Goldstein, Mason, Quigly, Hammond, Quay, S. Clark, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M., and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Abrahams acting as candidate. Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Dardonne 1184, Phillips S.W. 205, Goldstein 878, S. Clarke W.S. 1445, were elected members. Bro. Sturtevant was appointed W.M. for next week. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. Dr. Defriez for taking the chair on this the opening night. Also a vote of thanks was recorded on minutes to Bro. Ward for removing and repainting the pedestals, &c., free of expense to the Lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end, E. The regular meeting of this Lodge on the 30th ult. was of a most successful character. Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349 having been invited to work the Fifteen Sections, a large and influential number of brethren mustered round him and made the occasion quite a gala night in the Lodge history. Nearly 70 brethren assisted in the proceedings, and we are informed that the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1445, which also meets on Monday evenings, called off from labour to rally round their friend and Brother Musto, the members arriving *en bloc* to the number of 14, headed by their Preceptor Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Bro. Musto was not supported as to numbers only, there being a score of Installed Masters, and the brethren present represented the officers—whether as Preceptor, Treasurer, or Secretary—to the same number of Lodges of Instruction. The W.M. had the benefit of the assistance of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. in his wonted position on Fifteen Section Nights of S.W.; Bro. G. H. Stephens filled the J.W.'s chair, and Bro. W. Hogg the Preceptor acted as I.P.M. Lodge was opened indue form, and the Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Clements, Loane, Kendall, Wooding, Durell, Yetton, Cundick. Second Lecture—Bros. Robinson, Myers, Moss, Pringle, Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Stewart, Job, Taylor. Each one was listened to in perfect silence although the room was crowded. The following brethren were admitted members—Bros. Clarke 1445, Irvin 1306, Abrahamson 1033, Truman-Bardouleau Shingfield 554, Eschwege 1349, J. Shepherd P.M. 349, Gregory 781, Gregory 511, Fenn 171, H. R. Hallam W.M. 1349, McGregor, Drysdale, Richardson, Bull, &c. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Musto, to be recorded upon the minutes, in recognition of his services in the chair that evening, and honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred upon him. In returning thanks the W.M. said there was a peculiar appropriateness in his working the Fifteen Sections there that night, as it was in that very room he had, many years ago, first attended a Lodge of Instruction. It was also here that he first worked a section. To-night he had been honoured by the support of Bros. Barnes and Yetton. On the first occasion both those brethren were also present, and he then occupied the same chair (J.W.) that our worthy Bro. Stephens did that evening. He thanked the brethren sincerely for having elected him an hon. member, and he would at all times be pleased to render any assistance the Lodge might require at his hands. A cordial vote of thanks to the working brethren was next given, and Bro. W. Hogg, as Preceptor, having replied, Bro. G. H. Stephens returned thanks on behalf of those who had worked. Bro. Barnes, in a few well-chosen words, spoke in commendation of several of the brethren, who, notwithstanding the fact of their being young Masons, had acquitted themselves in admirable manner, Bros. Clements, Loane, and T. Wooding falling in for especial mention. The other brethren being older Masons, he (Bro. Barnes) expected to acquit themselves as well as they had done; having acted as S.W. on so many previous and similar occasions, Bro. Barnes thought he had never heard the Fifteen Sections done so well, throughout. Bro. T. J. Tyer was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 14th inst., and Lodge was closed.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. G. Salmon P.G.A.D.C., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. John Page P.P.G.S.B. I.P.M., R. W. Sisson as S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., John Ridsdale P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, W. M. Lyon as Sec., J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. Knox P.M. D.C., R. G. Sisson I.G., R. Bilby Steward, and G. T. Sims Tyler. Upon the minutes being read, exception was taken to a portion thereof, and upon this resolution being rescinded, the remaining minutes were confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Eagle was passed to Fellow Craft by the W.M. in a very perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge being closed down, and routine business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. meeting with an enthusiastic reception. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. Corder W.M. Gosforth Lodge, Cooper W.M. Walker Lodge, Braithwaite W.M. Percy Lodge, J. Duckett W.M. 481, J. Usher I.P.M. 481, C. B. Ford J.W. 481, Denney 481, &c.

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THE LATE BRO JOHN MARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Laughton Vicarage, Gainsborough,
9th December 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your panegyric respecting the late Brother Alderman John March, of York, I am prepared to testify, was neither fulsome nor partial; it was a true statement of his invaluable services, not only as a Mason, but also as a gentleman and a Christian.

I had the pleasure of knowing him more than twenty years, and on the occasion to which you allude, in 1873, when he was Lord Mayor of York, he walked with me, on returning from the Minster, to the Mansion House, which I well remember. Alderman John March was a truly noble character, as well as a thoughtful man. He invariably exhibited a phase of character which Masons of the present day would do well to exhibit; for with that adornment the late Alderman illumined every circle in which he moved; he was a thorough Christian gentleman in thought, in feeling, and in expression, and he would have scorned to appear in any other character; and it is only with such attributes of mankind that, after a long active life, I desire to be associated.

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DANIEL ACE, D.D., F.R.A.S.

POWERS OF PROV. GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly assist me to solve the question of the power of a Provincial Grand Master to grant a dispensation in the following case:—

A Lodge holds its regular meetings in its own private rooms, but these do not afford accommodation for the annual banquet, and consequently it is held at another place. The brethren wish to dine in clothing, but Provincial authority says that P.G. Master has not the power to grant a dispensation for them to do so.

Please say in your next issue of the CHRONICLE if this ruling is correct.

Yours fraternally,

ALMONER.

ARCHIBALD G. BROWN'S ORPHAN HOME.

A CONCERT of sacred and classical music, in aid of the Funds of this Orphan Home, was held on Wednesday evening, the 8th instant, at the East London Tabernacle. The vocalists included Mesdames Ada Morgan and Alice Merrin, and Messrs. Charles and Frederick Nichols and Mr. Temple Cowell. The services of the City of London Orchestral Union, with full band of forty performers, were secured. Mr. G. T. H. Seddon was conductor; the duties of leader were entrusted to Mr. H. Baynton; and the pianists were the Misses Nichols and Kate Nichols and Miss Ludbrook. The general arrangements were in charge of a Committeee of Stewards, consisting of Messrs. Mace, Jennings, Hall, Tait, Saunders, Emery, Ince, Goodwin, Bawn, Gill, Pinney, and Mayer, Mr. R. Pinney being the Treasurer, and Mr. H. G. Ludbrook taking upon himself the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary. The programme was a full one and included selections, both vocal and instrumental, from Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Schubert, Verdi, Mellon, Wagner, and other well-known composers. The audience was a numerous and highly appreciative one, and heartily applauded the very successful efforts of the vocalists and the orchestra. This Orpham Home, which owes its establishment to the philanthropic spirit of Mr. Archibald Brown, of Bow-road, was only started six months ago, and yet it already has twelve little inmates, in charge of an experienced Matron, and under the daily supervision of a Pastor, in conjunction with whom is a Committee of six gentlemen. Every arrangement is made for the comfort of the little folks, and there is a concreted playground, with covered shed attached, for their use. We wish the Home the success it deserves in the fulfilment of its kindly task.

The District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Western Division of South Africa held their half-yearly meeting in the British Temple, on Wednesday evening. After the disposal of the usual routine business, and a communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Netherlands relative to the establishment of a universal benevolent scheme, the Right Worshipful the D.G.M., Brother Charles Akin Fairbridge, presented to Bro. W. T. Hawthorne, the P.D.G.S., a jewel, which had been unanimously voted him in recognition of eight years services. Bro. Fairbridge prefaced the presentation with a few felicitous remarks, to which Bro. Hawthorne made a suitable reply. The jewel, which is an extremely handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented by unanimous resolution of the D.G. Lodge of South Africa, Western Division, to Bro. W. T. Hawthorne P.M. District Grand Secretary, on his retirement from office, as a recognition of services cheerfully undertaken and worthily discharged. 28th July 1880." A somewhat similar jewel is to be presented to Bro. T. J. Inglesby P.D.G.S.W., on his return from the front.

RETIREMENT OF THE DEP. P.G.M. OF ESSEX.—We are informed that in consequence of removal from the county, V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram D.P.G.M. of the Province of Essex has resigned his office; and that the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Tenterden has been pleased to appoint W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., to the vacant post. Much regret will be felt at the retirement of Bro. Wigram, whose great affability and genial manner has endeared him to all with whom he has been brought into contact. The appointment of Bro. Philbrick, however, is likely to be a very popular one, as he is not only well known as a leading barrister on the Home Circuit, and as Recorder of his native town, Colchester, but he has greatly distinguished himself as a Mason. He is P.M. of No. 18, and P.D.M. of Antiquity, No. 2, acting by immemorial constitution. This latter Lodge is the most ancient in the Craft; and H.R.H. Prince Leopold being W.M., according to rule, when a Prince of royal blood is in the chair, he appoints a Deputy who fulfils all the functions of Master. In the Arch degree Comp. Philbrick is P. Principal of St. James' Chapter, No. 2; Prudence, No. 8, and Mount Moriah, No. 12. In the Grand Lodge Bro. Philbrick took honours as Grand Deacon under Lord Ripon; and in Grand Chapter he is a Past Assist. Grand Sojourner. He is representative at Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of Hungary and Hayti; and has for many years been a member of the Board of General Purposes, in the administration of which he takes an active interest. As might be expected from so hard working a Mason, Bro. Philbrick has been a strong supporter of the great Masonic Institutions, being Vice-Patron of two, and Vice-President of the third, and he has served on the House Committee of the Boys' School. In the Province of Essex, Pro. Philbrick has for some years been a member of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester.—*Essex Standard.*

The Annual Dinner of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will take place at the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, opposite the New Poultry Market, E.C., on Monday evening, at 7.15. The brethren intend presenting their esteemed Preceptor Bro. W. Pennefather P.M. (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) with a valuable timepiece. From the influential list of Stewards, no doubt the gathering will be a great success.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, by Bro. Brown P.M. 65, on Tuesday, 14th December, at seven p.m. Members of the Craft are fraternally invited to attend.

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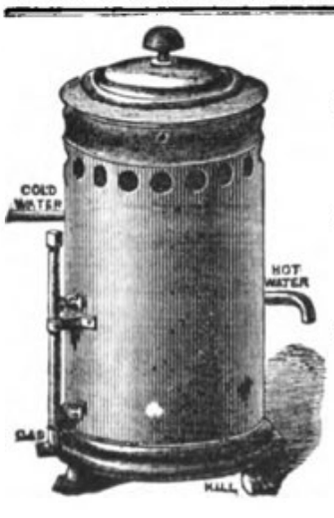
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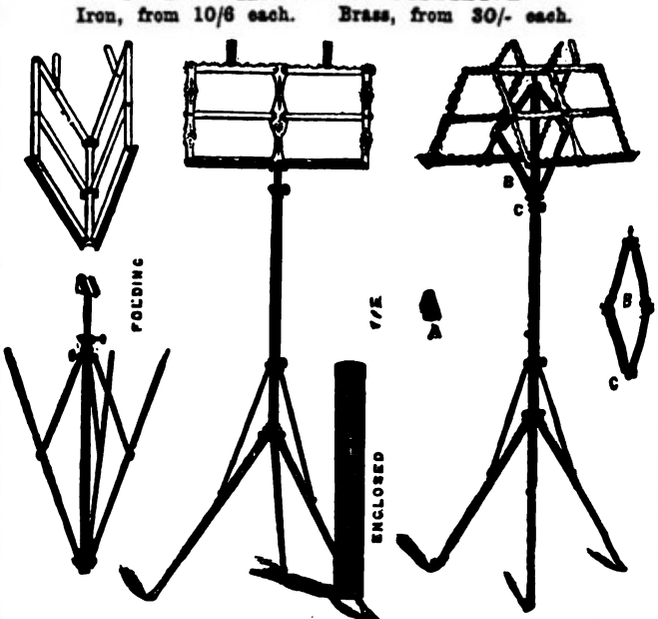
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GRAND LODGE SCOTLAND.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland met in Freemasons' Hall, on 30th ult., for the installation of the Officers for next year, and also for the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew. The ceremony of installation took place at four o'clock, in presence of a crowded attendance of members of the Craft. Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master of all India, Brother Macintosh Balfour, who intimated all the elective offices vacant, and proposed for election as Grand Master Mason Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart. This having been unanimously agreed to, the Grand Wardens and President and Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards introduced the Grand Master, who took the usual obligation, and was then congratulated on his reappointment. The Grand Master thanked the brethren for reappointing him to his high office, and took his place on the throne, and installed the other Officers who had been appointed for the ensuing year, the following being the names:—Past Grand Master the Earl of Rosslyn, Depute Grand Master the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Substitute Grand Master Colonel Sir A. C. Campbell, Senior Grand Warden R. F. Shaw Stewart, Junior Grand Warden the Earl of Haddington, Grand Secretary D. Murray Lyon Grand Cashier David Kinnear, Grand Chaplains Rev. T. N. Wannop and Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A., Senior Grand Deacon the Earl of Breadalbane, Junior Grand Deacon Captain John Crombie, Grand Architect Andrew Kerr, Grand Jeweller John S. Matheson, Grand Bible Bearer George Fisher, Grand Director of Ceremonies Captain William Hills, Grand Sword Bearer H. Y. D. Copland, Grand Director of Music Carl Dreschler Hamilton, Grand Organist Robert Davidson, Grand Marshal Captain Farquhar Macgillivray, Grand Tyler William M. Bryce, Outer Guard John Ness, President of Grand Stewards James Turner, Vice-President of Grand Stewards James Crichton. At this stage a pleasing ceremony was performed by the Substitute Grand Master, who presented to the Grand Master a copy of the resolution of the previous meeting congratulating him on the marriage of his daughter. The resolution was beautifully illuminated on vellum by Brother Melville, Edinburgh, handsomely bound, and bore the arms of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall, there to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew, in which they were assisted by members of Grand Lodge and deputations from daughter Lodges in Edinburgh and many parts of the country. There were about 250 of the brethren present, who received Grand Lodge standing, whilst appropriate music was played on the organ. The chair was taken by the Grand Master, who was supported on the right by Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., Substitute Grand Master, Lieutenant-General Sir James Alexander Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, Rev. T. N. Wannop Grand Chaplain, Brother William Officer representative from the Grand Orient of Egypt, Bro. David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Bro. Andrew Kerr Grand Architect, Bro. Rev. Alexander Inglis, Bro. Carl Hamilton Grand Director of Music, Bro. Captain Hills, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and on the left—Brother Macintosh Balfour Grand Master of all India, Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson Grand Chaplain, Bro. William Mann Proxy District Grand Master of all India, Bro. Captain C. Hunter representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece, Bro. Captain J. Crombie, Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. George Fisher Grand Bible Bearer, Bro. John S. Matheson Grand Jeweller, and Captain Macgillivray Grand Marshal. The croupiers were—Brothers R. F. Shaw Stewart Senior Grand Warden, and the Earl of Haddington Junior Grand Warden, and Brothers James Turner President and James Crichton Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards and Albert Apthorpe Past Grand Marshal acted as assistant croupiers. Amongst others present were—Brothers Dr. Falconer, D. Hume, Dysart, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Captain Fletcher Campbell, R.N., Bro. James Elliot, junr., of Wolflee. Apologies had been received from Brothers the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute Grand Master, John Whyte Melville of Bennochy Past Grand Master, the Earl of Breadalbane Senior Grand Deacon, R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles, Captain Clayhills Henderson Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, George Maxwell of Glenlee Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, F. A. Barrow Past Senior Grand Warden, Sir J. Don Wauchope of Edmonston, Bart., Colonel Lumsden of Pitcaple Past Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire (East), James H. Neilson Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela Captain G. R. F. Colt of Gartsherrie Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad, W. Hay representative Nova Scotia, and Hector M'Lean Provincial Grand Master Lanarkshire (Upper Ward). Deputations were in attendance from the following Lodges, headed by the undermentioned brethren, for the most part the R.W.M.'s of the respective Lodges:—1, Lodge Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel, James Crichton; 5, Canongate and Leith, Andrew Clark; 8, Journeyman Edinburgh, J. Wilson; 10, Dalkeith Kilwinning; 11, St. John, Maybole, Nisbet; 14, St. John, Dunkeld, Gillespie; 19, Cupar Fife, Milne; 20, St. John, Lesmahagow, Bertram; 35, St. John, Falkland, Wallace; 36, St. David, Edinburgh, E. Sellintin; 42, Holyrood House, St. Luke, Edinburgh, Bringloe; 48, St. Andrew, Edinburgh, Dr. Carmichael; 54, St. Machar, Aberdeen, Macdonald; 57, St. John, Kilwinning, Haddington, D. Compton; 70, St. Abb, Eyemouth, Robertson; 98, St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, Moir; 97, St. James' Operative, Edinburgh, J. Craig; 117, St. Mary, Partick, Glasgow, Laurence; 151, Defensive Band, Edinburgh, Rosaldson; 153, Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, Robertson; 175, St. John, Greenock, Cameron; 185, St. Adrian, Pittenweem, A. Hay; 223, Trafalgar, Leith, Barry; 291, Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith, Dr. Falconer; 319, St. Clair, Edinburgh, Dobie; 362, St. Clair, Glasgow, Brownlee; 380, St. Andrew, Drybridge, A. W. Rennie; 405, Rifle Edinburgh, Albert Apthorpe; 429, St. Kentigern, Penicuick, Laing; 518, St. Andrew, New Pitaligo, Wm. Pearson; 520, St. Clair of Dysart, Hume; 597, "North British Railway," Edinburgh, Drysdale; 607, The Princes, Glasgow, T. D. Duncan.

Dinner was served in excellent style by Brother Daish; and thereafter Grand Lodge was opened in the first degree, and several toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the rest of the Royal Family," having been drunk with loyal honours, the Grand Master proposed "The Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers," coupling with the Navy the name of Captain Fletcher Campbell, R.N., who, he mentioned, had been made a Companion of the Bath for his behaviour at the Cape, and whom Grand Lodge welcomed there—(Applause)—Brother Lieutenant-General Sir James Alexander with the Army; Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell with the Militia, and Captain Crombie, Aberdeen, with the Volunteers. These brethren having replied, the Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland."

The Grand Master of all India (Brother Balfour) rose, amid cheers, to propose the toast of "The Grand Master." In doing so, he said that he felt that a very great honour had been conferred on Scottish Freemasons in India by their representative having been permitted to instal the Grand Master, and by this toast having been committed to his hands. It would be superfluous on his part to tell them anything of the manner in which the Grand Master had discharged the duties of his high office. Their Grand Master had laboured among them all, and by his works they knew him, and their appreciation of them had led them to re-elect him, and to appoint him as their Grand Master for the eighth time, to the entire satisfaction of every brother of the Scottish Craft, whether abroad or at home. Their Grand Master had taken the initiative in many changes and advances in Scottish Freemasonry, and in that he had been undoubtedly and quietly carrying out their legitimate objects; but he had, as many had, recognised, as these had been brought to a close, that his labours were only commencing, and that they were yet necessary to place Scottish Freemasonry in the high position which all the brethren who desired to see it emulate the constitutions of England and Ireland were anxious it should occupy. He was sure he might say, not only on behalf of the foreign brethren, that their Grand Master, in endeavouring to continue his series of reforms, had the heartfelt sympathy and cordial support of every brother belonging to the Craft.

The Grand Master, who was received with prolonged and enthusiastic cheering, said that the part he was now called upon to perform was much more pleasing than it was a few years ago—in fact, the whole drama was more satisfactory and more pleasant to all the performers, and the audience, the general body of Masons, was also much better pleased. The consequence was that they had a full treasury, and they could all unite, without reserve, in drinking to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. During the year ending that day there had been 3763 entrants, and of these about one-third were from colonial and foreign Lodges, and seven new charters had been issued. The Grand Lodge debt at that date amounted to £380, whilst at the same date last year it was £5464, so that there was a surplus on the year of £1664. This state of Grand Lodge affairs was satisfactory to him, and must be highly so to all present. Financial matters were going right; they had a most efficient and attentive commi tee; and, besides that, he thought the whole tone of Grand Lodge was healthy and fraternal. Jealousies of localities were dying away, and they now felt it was their duty and pleasure to do the best for Grand Lodge, irrespective of East or West, North or South. The Grand Master concluded by thanking the Grand Lodge for re-electing him to his high office.

The toast of "The Past Grand Masters" having been proposed by Bro. Alexander Hay, and that of "The Foreign Grand Lodges" by Sir Archibald Campbell, and replied for by Captain Charles Hunter, "The Depute and Substitute Grand Masters" was proposed by Bro. Wm. Mann. In doing so, he remarked that it was not long since the Substitute Master, Sir Archibald Campbell, had an honour conferred upon him by the Queen; and they trusted in course of time to see him at the head of Grand Lodge. They could not always have Sir Michael on the throne; and he had no doubt the time was fast coming when their friend Sir Alexander Campbell would be put in the chair, and he was sure Sir Alexander would do equal credit to the chair as had been done by excellent Grand Masters who had preceded him. In replying to the toast, Sir Alexander Campbell said that though he would not venture to be a prophet, he hoped and trusted that in whatever position he was placed he would be able to do his duty. The health of Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart was then proposed in felicitous terms by the Earl of Haddington, and drunk amid cheers, the Grand Master replying. The health of each of the daughter Lodges, which were represented by deputations, was then proposed, the head of the deputation, replying in due order. The other toasts were—"The Grand Wardens," by Brother Macrae, replied to by the Earl of Haddington; "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges," by Bro. Officer, and acknowledged by Bro. Charles Shepherd; "The Grand Chaplains and other Office-bearers of Grand Lodge," by the Grand Master, who passed a high eulogium upon his Grand Secretary for his faithful discharge of his duties, and replied for by Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson; "The Board of Grand Stewards," by Captain Crombie, replied for by Bro. James Turner; and, in solemn silence, "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn." An excellent orchestra, under Bro. Dambmann supplied music during the evening, and a number of excellent songs were sung by several of the brethren. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the company separated about ten o'clock.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., under the banner of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (Time Immemorial), at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30, by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Canon Tristram and the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Wor. Bros. T. Y. Straughan D.P.G.M., J. Jansen P.G.J.W., W. E. Franklin P.G.M.O., N. Watson P.G.R.M., C. Hopper P.G.J.D., R. H. Holms P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Registrar, R. L. Armstrong P.P.G.S.B., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.G.I. of Works, T. J. Armstrong P.G. Sec., E. Hudson P.G.D.C., Adam Robertson P.G.S.B., W. Brandt P.G.I.G., and Bros. J. Wood and J. S. B. Bell Prov. Grand Stewards. The minutes of the last annual meeting, as also those of the special meeting at Darlington, were read and confirmed. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master announced that he had received, through the Grand Secretary, the approval of the Grand Mark Master to the re-election of Canon Tristram as Prov. Grand Master. The Secretary then read the report of the General Purposes Committee, which was adopted. The Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges then made their reports to Grand Lodge, which in every case was satisfactory, and showed that Mark Masonry was very flourishing in this Province. Bro. Cockbourn was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bros. W. E. Franklin and W. S. Hughes were elected Auditors. Other routine business having been disposed of, the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. Y. Straughan	- - -	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
Cockbourn	- - -	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
Dr. Luke Armstrong	- -	„ Junior Warden
Laing	- - - -	„ M. Overseer
M. Frampton	- - - -	„ S. „
Weatherhead	- - - -	„ J. „
Rev. Thompson	- - - -	„ Chaplain
Dickson	- - - -	„ Reg. of Marks
T. J. Armstrong	- - -	„ Secretary
Meak	- - - - -	„ Senior Deacon
Bennett	- - - - -	„ Junior Deacon
Hudson	- - - - -	„ Dir. of Cer.
R. G. Salmon	- - - -	„ In. of Works
Moor	- - - - -	„ Organist
Horsley	- - - - -	„ Sword Bearer
Lutter	- - - - -	„ Stand. Bearer
Oswald	- - - - -	„ Inner Guard
Atkinson	- - - - -	„ Tyler

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Turk's Head Hotel, Grey-street. The chair was occupied by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, supported by a good muster of Prov. Grand Officers. A splendid dinner was done full justice to, and a pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by capital harmony.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (T.I.)

WE published last week a short notice of the Installation Meeting of this Lodge, the space at our disposal not enabling us to give the full report we should like to have given. We now have great pleasure in supplementing it with the following details. The banquet, which was excellently served took place, as mentioned last week, at the Turk's Head Hotel; the wines, however, which were placed on the table, and which, be it added, were of the finest quality, being the gift of the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal toasts were disposed of. Bro. W. E. Franklin, in proposing that of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, expressed the pleasure it gave him to have to submit the health of Lord Lathom, having only recently had the privilege of sitting in his company at a most interesting ceremony in Durham. He was quite sure that with this nobleman, who was the D.G.M. of Craft Masonry, at their head, the Mark degree would go on prospering at his hands. He explained that this toast had fallen to him to propose, because their W.M. was a Past Grand Officer, and he should therefore couple his name with the toast. Bro. T. G. Armstrong, P.G. Steward, acknowledged the compliment, and assured the brethren that the work in Grand Lodge was done in every way as well as they had seen Lord Lathom do his at Durham. The W.M., in giving the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, said a better Prov. G.M. than the Rev. Canon Tristram could not be found. He had made the degree his study, and explored the foundations of the Temple, and the description of what he had seen there was most instructive. Bro. Franklin had great pleasure in responding for the P.G.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and on their behalf he thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast was drunk. He felt that to reply for so learned a brother as Canon Tristram was a great honour. The health of the W.M. was the next on the list, and the duty of proposing it was performed in an appropriate manner by Bro. Challoner. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment, and hoped to be able to conduct the affairs of the Lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Before sitting down, however, he desired to make mention of the I.P.M., who he felt deserved the thanks of the Lodge for his labours during the past year. He (the Worshipful Master) felt some reluctance in submitting this toast, as the I.P.M. was a near relation, and it might be thought he was speaking in terms more complimentary than the toast warranted. However, it was his duty to propose it, and he therefore submitted it to the brethren. Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong thanked the brethren for having so cordially received his health. He felt that, during the year, his shortcomings had been many through his time having been so fully occupied. He confessed, however, that of all the degrees in Masonry the Mark was his favourite. He had been greatly interested in going through old buildings, in seeking out and finding the marks, still visible on the stones, of members of the old Mark Lodge. He hoped their time-honoured Lodge would be even more prosperous in the future than it had been in the past. The Worshipful Master then expressed the gratitude he felt to the Installing Master—who he was sorry to see was not present—and to the Past Masters in general, who were the props of the Lodge, and whose presence was a guarantee for its good working. Bro. Franklin warmly replied to the toast. He, as well as the W.M., regretted the absence of the Installing Master, while at the same time he acknowledged the compliment on his behalf. The toast of the present and past Officers was next given, and acknowledged by Bros. R. L. Armstrong and E. Masters. The Visitors received a hearty welcome from the W.M., who regretted that there were not more present, the toast being responded to by Bro. Challoner, a late member of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable evening, enlivened by some capital harmony.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Thomas Cubitt, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, James Kench, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Goode, Frederick Adlard, William Hilton, Charles Daniel, S. Rawson, William Stephens, C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, James Willing, Charles F. Hogard, and James Terry Sec. The Secretary reported the death of two annuitants. Nine petitioners were placed on the list for election in May. Permission was granted for the use of the Hall at the Asylum at Croydon for the annual New Year's Entertainment to the Old People on 5th January, and £20 was voted to go towards the expenses of the entertainment, on the motion of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, seconded by Bro. Wm. Stephens. The Committee then adjourned.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 3rd November, at Du Toits Pan. Present—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., H. Hartog I.P.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., E. D. Van Blerk Act. Treas., D. Davis Amb., A. J. Wolhuter Alm., W. Knipers Arch., H. N. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; also Bros. J. Crewell, C. J. Barnes, Cecil Bayley, R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After some other business had been gone through, several visiting brethren were admitted. The W.M. informed the brethren that the meeting had been called for the purpose of balloting for Mr. William Herbert Lomas, and initiating Mr. Alfred Cohen. The ballot was then proceeded with, when Mr. W. H. Lomas was declared duly elected as a candidate for Freemasonry. Mr. Alfred Cohen was then introduced, and in a very impressive manner initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Cohen having expressed his acknowledgments to the Lodge for the honour conferred upon him, the W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, when Bro. Solomon Temple Solomon, Cosmopolitan Lodge, replied in suitable terms, and congratulated the W.M. and Officers on their admirable working. The labours being ended, the Lodge closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony. Freemasonry is going a-head in Griqualand West, South Africa. The foundation stone of a beautiful Masonic temple was laid on 6th November at Barkly. We wish the Lodge Octahedron every success.

PLYMOUTH AND THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

It will be remembered that some weeks since it was announced that the Freemasons of this part of the Province of Devon intended to have a grand concert to aid the funds of the Province in the education, and, where necessary, the clothing of the orphans of deceased brethren. The concert stands adjourned till the 26th January, in consequence of a communication from Viscount Ebrington, the Provincial Grand Master. There are at present on the fund of the Province six boys and four girls, receiving their education at a cost of about £13 each, while those educated and clothed at the great Masonic Institutions in London cost from £50 to £60 each child. The list of patrons is not completed, but it comprises a very large body of gentlemen, some of whom are not Freemasons, but who yet have an excellent feeling on behalf of the objects for which the concert is intended. The R.W. Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. of Devon, the R.W. and Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall, the Mayors of Plymouth and of Devonport, head the list, and there is every prospect of the concert, which is to take place at the Plymouth Guildhall, being a great financial success.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

106—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
883—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
859—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
129—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
634—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn at 7.30. (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 499—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 7.30. (Inst.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield

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283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 6. Annual Banquet
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1585—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.
R.C. Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
963—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. Present—Bros. W. H. Gainforth W.M., R. W. Hollon P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov. G. Treasurer, Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.S.G.W., W. Lawton P.M. P.P.G.R., Jos. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, S. Maltby P.M., Rev. W. Valentine P.M. P.P.G.C., A. Buckle P.M. P.J.G.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., M. Rooke S.W., J. T. Rymer J.W., Geo. Kirby Secretary, George Garbutt S.D., W. Draper J.D., T. Hopkins Org., W. Powell I.G., J. Young and W. Smith Stewards, T. G. Hodgson D.C., W. J. Calvert Tyler; Bros. W. Wilson, J. Redfare, A. W. White, A. Hanson, T. W. Wilson, W. Nicholson, J. Stead, S. Border, J. J. Eberle, J. Toes, G. C. Lee, T. S. Camidge P.P.G.O. Visitors—J. T. Cox 351, J. Southam 836, E. J. De Salis 1331, and F. Sharpe 1536. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Hollon P.M. feelingly alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the lamented death of Bro. Alderman March P.M. P.P.S.G.W., one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and moved that the Secretary be instructed to address a letter of condolence with his family on their bereavement, and that the Lodge be placed in mourning for the space of three months, which was seconded by Bro. Lawton P.M., and carried unanimously. The Lodge was afterwards advanced to the second degree, when a brother was admitted by the W.M. to that degree, the ceremony being performed in a most satisfactory manner. The Lodge having been resumed in the first degree, the annual election of Officers took place, when Bro. Mark Rooke S.W. was chosen W.M., Bro. Todd P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. G. Calvert Tyler, all the elections being unanimous. The W.M. then stated that the next business before the Lodge was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Jos. Todd P.M. Treasurer, and called upon Bro. P.M. Sir James Meek to make the presentation on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Sir James Meek, in acceding to the request, stated that he felt highly honoured in being asked to present the tokens of esteem and regard which had been subscribed for by the members to a worthy and zealous brother in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge, of which he had been so long a valued member; and in requesting the acceptance by Bro. Todd of the testimonial, consisting of a gold P.M.'s jewel, and a silver salver, he trusted that he would value them, not so much for their intrinsic worth, but as an earnest of the esteem and regard felt for him by the members of the York Lodge. Bro. Sir James Meek then handed the testimonial to Bro. Todd, affixing the jewel on the breast of that brother amidst expressions of the warmest approval. Bro. Todd, who met with a most cordial reception, said—If at this moment I were asked the question, "What, under present circumstances, is the predominant wish of your heart?" I should say that I desired eloquence of speech, in order that I might adequately thank you for your kindness this evening. But, brethren, although I fear I shall not be able to express myself as I could wish, you will, I am sure, believe me when I say that I feel deeply grateful for, and truly appreciate, the generous and fraternal feelings which have prompted you to present me with these tokens of your approval and esteem. And, if anything could enhance the pleasure I feel in receiving them, it is in having them presented by one whom we all venerate and respect—one who has himself done good service to this Lodge, and worthily occupies a distinguished position in the Craft—a brother with whom I have worked in Lodge and Chapter for a considerable period, and at whose hands when he was Worshipful Master, now nearly seventeen years ago, I received the first office I ever held in this Lodge, and I well remember the gratification I experienced when I was appointed to the office to which I refer, and I then determined faithfully and conscientiously to fulfil the duties required of me, and this principle I have maintained and endeavoured to carry out in every office I have since held in this Lodge. I do not, however, brethren, for one moment wish to say that I have done more than my duty, or than my love for Freemasonry and my regard for this Lodge prompted me to do; but I do say that the services it has been my privilege to render this Lodge (and I regard it as a great privilege to serve a Lodge such as this) have been rendered by me most heartily and willingly, and with a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Freemasonry and the well-being of this Lodge. Permit me also to say that the only reward I ever looked forward to, and this I confess I was anxious to obtain, was the approval and regard of my brethren. Bro. Todd then referred to the losses sustained by the Lodge during the last few years in the removal of many valued Past Masters and brethren, expressing his satisfaction that the Lodge still had a goodly number of old and much esteemed members who were always ready to prove their interest in, and attachment to, the Order, and he trusted they would be long spared to the Lodge, and alluded to the pleasure afforded to the brethren that evening by the presence of Bro. Hollon, the senior P.M. and Father of the Lodge and to the gratification he himself experienced in seeing present the Brother (P.M. Lawton) who introduced him, and afterwards initiated him into Freemasonry. Bro. Todd next referred to the prosperous condition of the Lodge, and to the many active working Masons therein to whom they looked forward to supplying the places of those whom they had lost and who he felt sure would emulate the virtues of their predecessors and preserve the honour and reputation of the Lodge. Bro. Todd, in conclusion, said: Brethren, allow me again to thank you most sincerely for this beautiful testimonial, which I shall highly value as a token of your approval of my endeavours to perform my duties in this Lodge: it will also be highly prized by my wife, and by my family I trust it will never be parted with. I thank you, Sir James, for the kind and flattering terms (which I shall ever remember) in which you presented it; and, brethren, let me assure you that so long as life and memory last I can never forget the honour you have done me and the kindness you have shown this evening. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the York Lodge, No. 236, to Bro. Jos. Todd P.M. Treasurer, 6th December 1880." The salver was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Joseph Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. P.Z. P.P.G.J., by the members of the York Lodge of Freemasons, No. 236, as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services. 6th December 1880."

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 22nd Nov., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was well attended by members and visitors. Bro. Frederick J. C. Taylor W.M. presided, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Wale S.W., Gabb J.W., Wilkins S.D., Williams (for Bundy) J.D., Byng I.P.M., Poynter P.M. and Treasurer, Jeffreys P.M. and Secretary, Young I.G., Hostombe W.S., Gilbert Tyler; and Past Masters Harvey, Iron, Smith, Field, Pocock, and Baster. There were several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Larlham P.M. 1859, H. T. Thompson P.M. 742, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Herbert, a candidate for advancement, was questioned as to the progress he had made in the former degrees. This being considered satisfactory, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and he was most impressively and carefully raised to it by the W. Master, who was ably supplemented in the work by the whole of his Officers. Seldom, if ever, has this sublime rite been more correctly or efficiently conferred. The next business was to pass Bros. Chaplin, Moffat, Dawson, and Smith to the degree of F.C., which ceremony was twice gone through with equal ability. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, Mr. William Walter Clark and Mr. George Fox, candidates for admission, were balloted for, and the same being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Some routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall to partake of what was called in the summons "a supper," but which was certainly well worthy of a more dignified description, as it consisted of fare which was unanimously admitted to be unexceptionable. The cloth having been removed,

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the W. Master, with exemplary brevity, gave the usual loyal and formal toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Byng I.P.M. said he had a most pleasing toast to propose, which was the health of the Worshipful Master, who in the chair had displayed all that zeal and ability which had characterised him at the commencement of his Masonic career, and he felt sure that he would do his best to maintain the dignity of the Lodge while he was so well supported in the chair. The W. Master briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, but expressed his misgivings as to having deserved all the compliments that had been passed upon him, but it was his wish to deserve their approbation. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was always considered to be the toast of the evening, as it was the health of their Brother Initiates, and he felt sure from the attention they had paid to the ceremony they had passed through that they were deeply impressed with the importance of the step they had taken, and would become good Masons. The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Clark, in replying for himself and Bro. Fox, thanked the brethren for their admission amongst them, and could assure them that no act of theirs should ever give them occasion to regret having accepted them as Masons. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was the health of their Brother Visitors. The Burgoyne Lodge was second to none in the Craft for the cordiality with which they received visitors from other Lodges, and that evening they were rather more numerous than usual, and amongst them were several distinguished Masons. In giving this toast he was sure that it was one that would be received with acclamation. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Larlham P.M. 1859 said that on that evening he had enjoyed a real Masonic treat, for having witnessed the working of the three ceremonies, and one of them twice over, he must say that he had seldom seen the work so well performed, and it was quite needless for the W. Master to offer any apologies for the manner in which he had performed his duties; he again expressed the gratification he had experienced in being present that evening. Bro. Henry Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158 said, in the first place he wished to thank the brethren for the magnificent hospitality with which he had been received that evening, for it would stand out in bold contrast to many other large establishments of the Metropolis. He, however, wished also to express his gratification at the working of the Lodge, and stated that the Worshipful Master ably filled the place of those who had gone before him. He might say that he was one of the few probably then present who was present at the consecration of this Lodge, when it met at another place and under a different name, when that ceremony was performed by one of the most talented and distinguished members of the Craft, the late Stephen Barton Wilson. Well did he remember, in installing Bro. Wiggington, how impressively he enforced upon him the importance of the position in which he had the honour of being placed by the founders of the Lodge in selecting him as their first Master, and of the deep responsibility which devolved upon him in the discharge of his duties. These solemn warnings then uttered by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson appeared since then to have been observed by his successors, and he had no doubt that could their revered sponsor, who was one of the most critical and painstaking members of the Craft, again visit their Lodge, he would find that the injunctions given by him at the commencement had been transmitted through a long line of Masters, and the former prestige of the Lodge had up to the present time been fully maintained. Bro. H. T. Thompson and other visitors also returned thanks. The next toast given was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge, which was also well received. The Wor. Master next gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Poynter and Jeffreys, and said that all who were connected with the Burgoyne Lodge knew the amount of zeal and intelligence that was brought to bear by Bro. Poynter, their Treasurer, and they also knew the assuidity with which Bro. Jeffreys carried on his work as Secretary, and indeed he did a considerable amount of labour which few of the members of the Lodge knew anything about. This toast, like all the others, was cordially responded to. Bro. Poynter P.M. and Treasurer said he begged to return thanks for the toast which had been so ably proposed by the Wor. Master, and so cordially responded to by the brethren; but after having so often acknowledged it, he hardly knew what to say. Bro. Thompson, by his observations, had awakened a somewhat melancholy feeling, for he had touched a tender chord, in his allusions to the consecration of the Lodge, now nineteen years ago. He (Bro. Poynter) was the only one then in the Lodge who was present at that night's meeting, and it was on that night that he first saw the light of Freemasonry. Four others were admitted on that occasion, two of whom had since departed this life, and the other two had quitted the Lodge, and he was not aware of what had become of them. He was glad to hear from Bro. Thompson, who had only once visited them in the interval, that he found a determination in the Lodge to preserve the high position in which it had been placed by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, and he was kind enough to say that they had that night not deteriorated in the efficiency of their working. They had had their times of trouble and tribulation, but these had passed away, and under the bye-laws, for which they had made an ample grant that evening, the prestige of the Lodge won'd be perpetuated, and a few pages will be added to the new bye-laws to record the events which have occurred in its existence. He was happy to say that there had been few differences of opinion in the Lodge, and he had received the kind support of all the Past Masters, and they had worked together as one man. Since he had been admitted to the rank of Past Master they had worked together, shoulder to shoulder, one for all, and all for one, which he looked upon as the great secret of Masonic success. He was happy to say that by their unanimity they had been enabled to help their deserving brethren quietly, unostentatiously, and without those brethren losing any of their dignity, and they were prepared to help them again, and all this good was done by their working together in that way. If there had at any time been a cloud over the Lodge, it was forgotten in a moment, as they had been taught to subdue their passions and let it pass away. They could keep up those feelings by giving a little and taking a little, and those feelings were the true keystone of the Masonic Arch, and such he believed existed there in the Burgoyne Lodge. Out of doors he had endeavoured to bring in that element, and by assiduity in their service he hoped long to enjoy their confidence, which, to him, was his highest reward; but when he could no longer do that, he would, like the great Roman at the foot of Pompey's statue, cover his head and gracefully retire. Bro. Jeffreys also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and then a most pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

St. James's Lodge, Enfield.—The regular bi-monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, at the George Hotel, Enfield. Present—Bro. P.M. Cusworth acting as W.M.; Past Masters Bros. Linzell, Painter, Hobbs, Greenwood, Adams, Driscoll, &c., and many brethren. The ceremony of raising was performed by Bro. Cusworth in a most perfect manner. After which the Lodge proceeded to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell unanimously on Bro. Henry Stephens P.M. 754, who thanked the members, in suitable terms, for the honour they had conferred upon him. Bro. P.M. Adams was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, when, on the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Bros. Wardell W.M., Dignam S.W., Smyth J.W., Christian S.D., Catlin J.D., Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Carr, Hardrodt, Brasted, Webb. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dallas candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Christian worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Bros. Webb W.M., Medwin S.W., Pitt J.W., Mather Preceptor, Sparrow Sec., Cuthbertson S.D., Hall I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Hall for candidate. Bro. Medwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, E.C., on 6th inst. Bros. Van Raalte W.M., King S.W., Patrick J.W., Pennefather Preceptor, and numerous other brethren. The ceremony of iniation was rehearsed, Bro. Goodenough candidate. The first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. D. Moss, and the second and third by Bro. Goodenough. The following brethren were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:—Bros. Lardner Treasurer, Pennefather Preceptor, Goodenough Secretary. The annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday next, 13th December. Brethren are cordially invited to be present.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid a visit to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show on Monday afternoon, and as the Show had been thrown open to the general public some time before his arrival, the reception His Royal Highness met with was of a most enthusiastic description, every part of the immense building being crowded with visitors. We are glad to say the Prince has been successful in carrying off sundry prizes in the Cattle classes.

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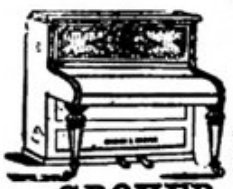
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OBEDIENCE TO THE CONSTITUTIONS.

IT is very desirable we should call the attention of our readers to a letter addressed by Bro. John Havers to our London Masonic contemporary on the recent purchase by the Board of General Purposes of certain premises contiguous to Freemasons' Hall. The letter was published last week, and dealt with "a statement made by the President of the Board of General Purposes at Grand Lodge" on the 1st instant, that statement being to the effect "that there was some sort of precedent for the purchase of property by the Board of General Purposes without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge, in what was done by me, and by those I had the honour of presiding over, in 1857 or thereabouts." Bro. Havers, with whom, on the score of the feeble state of his health, all brethren will unaffectedly sympathise, carefully limits himself to saying that he has "no recollection of" any such precedent; and he adds, "nor do I think it possible with my feelings on the subject, and with my determination never to break the laws of our Order, that, either while I was President of the Board of General Purposes, or while I was Chairman of the Building Committee, either of those bodies made any purchase of land or houses without the sanction of Grand Lodge having been previously obtained." Bro. Havers invites correction in the event of his having made any mistake; but we hardly think it likely he has erred, when we bear in mind what was stated in the Report of the Committee appointed in March last to investigate the circumstances connected with the late purchase of premises. It seems that two instances which occurred in the course of the aforesaid year of 1857 "were brought to the notice of the Committee," as they were supposed to be of a somewhat similar nature to the case which had led to the inquiry then under consideration; but—and it is well to note this with something like exact circumstance—the Committee are reported to have found that the surroundings of the cases "differed so materially from the present that they could not fairly be considered as precedents for warranting the course now adopted, nor did it appear that, in these instances, were they present to the Board of General Purposes when it was resolved to purchase the property in question." This report, which, be it remembered, is signed by the M.W. Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and, more important still in a legal sense, by Bro. G. Registrar and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., thus in great measure confirms the recollection of Bro. Havers, that during his Presidency of the Board of General Purposes nothing was done by that body which could be interpreted by the present Board as justifying its irregular purchase of certain properties.

We confess we are not deeply impressed with the wisdom exhibited by the Board of General Purposes in the conduct of the important business entrusted to its charge. We have often noted with a keen sense of the ridiculous how urgent the Board is in all matters of a trivial character; how instant it is in censuring what is almost unworthy of rebuke, while it passes over unnoticed the most serious shortcomings. We are of those who think the law should be obeyed in the letter as well as in the spirit, but we do not think a slight dereliction of duty in respect of the former should be visited with a considerable punishment, while a flagrant apostasy from Masonic principle is entirely overlooked. But the shortcomings we have in mind in this connection are as nothing compared with the offence of which the Board has been lately found virtually guilty by a special Committee of Inquiry, consisting of some of the most eminent and distinguished members of the Fraternity. This Committee has very properly ruled that the laws of the Craft must be implicitly obeyed, but is it not most deplorable that this ruling should have been found necessary in the case of the Board of General Purposes, which is presumably the correct and faithful expositor of our Constitutions? If the Board is itself indifferent to the requirements of the law it is called upon to administer, what likelihood is there of any respect being paid to the exposition of that law in other cases. What must the Craft think of a tribunal which one day fines a Lodge for a slight oversight, and the next day drives a coach and six through our Constitutions? The plea that in the latter case it was actuated by *bona fides* is an absurdity. It is a matter of course that when the Board purchased the property in question it was actuated by good faith, and a resolution to do its best for the interests of the Craft it represented. But such a recognition of *bona fides* is in no wise calculated to impress either ourselves or our readers with a very favourable idea of the common sense exhibited, and that after all is the chief pre-requisite in the case of a judicial body.

But the Board of General Purposes may have been advised that, in addition to its undoubted *bona fides*, it had common sense and legal competence on its side. But, says Bro. Havers, "I know that he"—that is, the G. Registrar, who is constitutionally the Board's legal adviser—"was not consulted." This, indeed, is borne out by the constitution of the Committee of Inquiry which, if Bro. McIntyre had officially endorsed the action of the Board, would hardly have included that distinguished Brother among its members. Still more remarkable is the statement in the third paragraph of Bro. Havers's letter, to the effect that the purchase was completed "*without the knowledge or sanction of the Trustees.*" It will, however, be better that we should quote this important paragraph in its integrity. Says Bro. Havers: "Without in any way casting a shadow of doubt on the *bona fides* of the Board, I must acknowledge that I was astonished when I heard of the purchase of so large a property having been made without the authority of Grand Lodge, and I may add that what astonished me most was, how the money was obtained, or the stock *sold out* to pay for it *without the knowledge or sanction of the Trustees.*" It will be seen from this that the departure of the Board of General Purposes from constitutional usage is an error of the very gravest character. To urge in defence of such misconduct that the Board was actuated by *bona fides* is to enunciate a truism. No one, as we have before suggested, for one moment imagines the Board were influenced by any other motive. A man may plead that he broke the bonds of discipline from the best of motives; but though the plea may extenuate in some slight degree, it cannot excuse, his conduct.

It seems to us that Sir J. B. Monckton, in his speech in Grand Lodge, instead of strengthening the case of his Board, made it decidedly weaker, when he took exception to that portion of the Committee's Report which referred to the instances of 1857. The Committee reported that the circumstances in these cases differed materially from those in the case under consideration, and the natural inference is that, such being so, those instances could not be regarded as precedents. Sir J. B. Monckton is reported to have said that, "if they"—the present Board—"did consider those cases, it appeared to him and several

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members of the Board, that the earlier precedents, if they had been before them, would have justified their proceedings, because they generally referred to a time when, under their esteemed Bro. Havers, the Board made certain valuable purchases for the benefit of the Craft." Sir J. B. Monckton prefaced the above remarks by assuming "that he was talking to men of legal and logical minds." This is likely to have been the case; but our respected brother must forgive us if we point out that he himself was most unfortunate in his illustration of what is legal and logical. A man who is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of legality would never dream of setting at naught the requirements of the law. He who fortunately possesses a logical mind, could never have been so faithless to the doctrines inculcated by Aristotle, Whateley, and others, as, in the first instance, to affirm that certain cases which occurred in 1857 "were supposed to be of a nature somewhat similar to the case now considered," and then, in the very next sentence, to suggest that if those cases had been before the Board—which they do not appear to have been—they would have served as precedents. The logical mind would very properly be at the pains of pointing out that whether or not the 1857 cases may be supposed to be of a nature somewhat similar "to the case now considered," and whether or not they might have served as precedents and "justified these proceedings," in the present instance they do not appear to have been taken into consideration, and what Sir J. B. Monckton's Board did was done of its own motion. The course adopted in the recent purchase was an unprecedented violation of the letter and spirit of our Constitutions. The Board has been very properly indemnified for its misconduct, and the curtain has now fallen on what can only be considered as a most unfortunate display of over-zeal on the part of that very Board which, having due regard to the important duties assigned to it, should be a model of legality and logic to the whole Craft.

We attach greater importance to the circumstances of the case we have been considering, because they furnish the second instance within less than a year of the illegal and illogical haste with which our governing bodies appear to be inoculated whenever they think there is an opportunity for the display of zeal. It is not so very long ago that the purchase of Lyncombe House was shown to have been a most irregular proceeding, unwarranted by the laws of the Institution for which it was purchased. And this month we have seen Grand Lodge stepping forward for the purpose of vindicating the majesty of its own laws against its own Board of General Purposes. No one, we imagine, will be surprised that the Committee of Inquiry should have reported that in their judgment it was "of the highest importance that the laws of the Craft should be implicitly adhered to." Yet it cannot but surprise the members of the Craft that Sir J. B. Monckton, after a direct appeal to the "men of legal and logical minds," whom he addressed in Grand Lodge on the 1st instant, should have taken exception to so mild a rebuke of his Board's illegal action on grounds so utterly illogical.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—III.

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

In the Freemason's Chronicle, 20th ult., Bro. Hughan says:—"Was a Warrant ever granted by the G. L. of England or by the Prov. G. Master Coxe? (which means the same thing virtually)." But towards the close of his able article, our brother qualifies this observation by some remarks which bear in quite another direction. He says:—"Why should it not be accepted as fairly probable . . . . that 79 was for a short while located to Philadelphia, in response to the petition of the brethren in that city, who, however, relinquished it for the charter given them by Bro. Coxe."

My object herein is not, however, to comment on the discrepant conclusions of an eminent Masonic writer, which, I freely admit, reflect very accurately the confusion of language presented by the documentary evidence he has sought to analyse, but rather at the outset of these remarks, to submit that the famous letter of 1754 from Bro. Bell, of Lancaster, to Bro. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, cited in the Chronicle of the 13th and 20th November, exhibits an amount of *latent ambiguity*, which there is no evidence forthcoming to remove.

For convenience sake I will again set out the letter in question, premising, however, that the arrangement by paragraphs and the use of italics have been adopted by me to render my comments more intelligible.

[Bro. H. Bell to Bro. T. Cadwallader, A.D. 1754.]

(*a*) I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. *Once*, in the fall of 1730, we formed a *design* of obtaining a charter for a *regular Lodge*,

(*b*) But *before receiving it* we heard that Daniel Coxe . . . . had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master . . . .

(*c*) We therefore made application to him, *and our request was granted*.

(*a*) Bro. Bell here states that a design was once formed—thereby implying that it was not carried to fruition—of obtaining a charter for a *regular* Lodge; the word "regular" in this connection, further signifying that the Lodge or Lodges subsequently established by local dispensation were *irregular* Lodges, or, to say the least, inferior in the estimation of Philadelphians of that era—to Lodges constituted by the G. L. of England. I think this admission of Bro. Bell, that no *regular* Lodge was formed in his time, is worthy the attention of our Boston brethren, and I recommend it, moreover, to the notice of "Philadelphos" but as I am not directly concerned with this point I pass on to the next.

(*b*) The expression "before receiving it" is a very ambiguous one, and may indicate that a Warrant was *ultimately* received from England.

(*c*) The wording of this sentence is quite antagonistic to that which precedes it, and the expression "our request was granted" may be thus read—"our request was [at last] granted."

Having regard to Bro. Bell's letter, and the general features of the case, it seems to me that Bro. Hughan, so to speak, "blows both hot and cold" when he speaks of warrants from England and from Daniel Coxe meaning the same thing; and then adding, "that a charter from the G. L. of England might have been relinquished for one from the Provincial G.M."

1stly. I disbelieve altogether in the possibility of the London Warrant being changed for a Philadelphia one.

2ndly. Daniel Coxe was *in* England, and present at G. Lodge, in 1731, and, as I think, *must* have learnt enough of the practice of G.L. in regard to Provincial and Colonial Lodges, to have ensured the continuance of the Philadelphian Lodge at No. 79, if so placed in 1731, as urged by Bro. Hughan.* [See paragraph 4, "Final Conclusions."]

3rdly. Except on the authority of paragraph *b* of Bro. Bell's letter (*ante*) read disjunctively, all the evidence in the said letter bears against the theory of an English Warrant having been received.

But whilst I dissent from much of the *argument* with which Bro. Hughan supports his *theory*, I go almost, and perhaps quite as far as that erudite brother, in a belief that the entry in the Dublin *Pocket Companion* referring to Lodge No. 79, was no invention of the compiler. In my first article I put forward an *hypothesis*—I have no *theories*—that the Boston Lodge might have been first numbered 79 in error. If, however, my postulation meets with no assent, I can but say, that it is the most reasonable conjecture I am able to build up.

I think Bro. Hughan will agree that, save as regards the No. 79, the Dublin Companion was a copy of the English Companion. The Constitutions of both "Moderns" and "Ancients" were similarly reprinted in Dublin.

William Smith, the publisher of the London "Pocket Companion," was thus alluded to in the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date of 24th February 173$\frac{4}{5}$ [1735]:—

[Dr. Anderson] "reported that one William Smith, said to be a Mason, had, without his privity or consent, pyrated a considerable part of the Constitutions of Masonry aforesaid, to the prejudice of the said Br. Anderson, it being his sole Property. Resolved, That every Master and Warden present shall do all in his power to discountenance so unfair a Practise, and prevent the said Smith's Books being bought by any of the members of their respective Lodges."

* If the Lodge at the "Hoop," &c., was ever placed at the No. 79, *query* would it have been competent to the Grand Secretary of 1731 to have removed the American Lodge from the *general* list, even at the request of Daniel Coxe himself, on the ground of a *local* warrant being preferred by the brethren?

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The Minutes of this date [24th Feb. 1735] also record the payment of two guineas for its constitution, by the Lodge meeting at the Duke of "Marleburgh's" Head, No. 126 in the two Pocket Companions, and No. 128 in the later 1734 and subsequent lists.

The compiler of the Dublin work may, of course, have consulted back numbers of the Engraved Lists, until he found one in which the 79th place was full, and Bro. Hughan's *theory* as to the Philadelphian Lodge getting on our roll in 1731 is supported by the *fact*—which I am aware tells against my own *hypothesis*—that a careful examination of the names and descriptions of Lodges represented at G.L. during 1730-32, has failed to indicate any Lodge, which was not previously known to me. Or, in other words, that if the No. 79 was *filled* prior to its occupancy by the Lodge at the Castle, Highgate, on the 21st November 1732, as seems highly probable, the Lodge numbered 79 in 1731-32 was clearly not a London Lodge.

The number may indeed have been allotted, but never taken up, as occasionally happened.*

I forget whether the "Hoop" tavern is spoken of in Bro. McCalla's book† (apart from Bro. Hughan's discovery), but I think not. If I am right in this belief, it may be worth inquiring how this description could have originated.

The "Signs of the Houses" where Lodges assembled were shown in reduced *fac simile* in the Engraved Lists, and it has occurred to me that the "Three Tuns," [or the "Tun"] in Water St., Philadelphia" may have been so *pictured* in an official list, as to have been taken for a "Hoop" by the person from whose report the description of No. 79 was *written down*.

I invite Bro. Hughan's notice to the preceding supposition, as it appears to me that the bearing of the circumstances under review, supports the theory of which he is the champion.

If no such tavern as the "Hoop" is known to have been in existence, then I think the probability of the "*Something* at Water Street, Philadelphia," having appeared at the No. 79 on the English roll of Lodges is much increased, and for the following reasons:—

The actual signification of the tavern signs is not easily determined by a casual inspection of their *pictured impressions* in the Engraved Lists. Private lists, *i.e.*, copies of the official lists, abound therefore with errors of interpretation; for example, the "Dolphin" is generally given as the "Whale," the "Three Cranes" as the "Three Swans," the "Raven and Bell" as the "Bell and Blackbird," and so on. Some "signs," however, would have baffled even the critical insight of Messrs. Hotten and Larwood. The *fourth* in order on the Engraved list for 1723,‡ is especially incomprehensible, and after successively interpreting it, as "the Moon," "Black Ball," and "Cushion," the accidental discovery of its *written* description in the records of Grand Lodge showed me that the pictured impression in the official List was the representation of a "Cheshire Cheese." Many other signs, for example, the "Sash and Cocoa Tree," the "Green Lattice," the "Woolpack," the "Sugar Loaf," &c., &c., are equally incomprehensible.

In conclusion, whilst conceding the balance of argument to be, perhaps, in favour of the view espoused by Bro. Hughan, I will briefly enumerate the chief points which in my judgment bear *against* the Philadelphian theory.

FINAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. The Dublin list was copied from a list of 1734, not 1731, and it seems unlikely that the copyist should have taken 125 Lodges from a list of the then current date, and *one* from a list published three years earlier.
2. The improbability of a foreign Lodge appearing on our roll during a *single* year.
3. The double vacancy of No. 79 [1732 *and* 1733] which is essential to the maintenance of Bro. Hughan's theory.
4. According to the "Bell-Cadwallader" letter, a local Charter was granted by Daniel Coxe in 1730. Coxe was present *in* Grand Lodge on the 29th January 1731, and the appearance of his name amongst the members of No. 8 (Devil) in a list carried up to 1732, affords evidence from which we may infer that he was in England, and member of a *London* Lodge *before* the No. 79 was allotted in the *first instance* [1731], and until the payment for its constitution by the Lodge at the Castle, Highgate, on 21st November 1732. The No. 79, or indeed any other number, would scarcely have been bestowed on a Philadelphian Lodge without consulting the Prov. G.M. *present in London*. Indeed, there can hardly be a doubt that if the Lodge in Water Lane, Philadelphia, ever got on our English roll, this must have been due to the direct application of Daniel Coxe. Equally true, I take to be the resulting inference, viz., that its disappearance must have been controlled by a similar agency. Therefore, whilst I concede that Daniel Coxe *may* have been desirous of seeing a Lodge of his creation *placed*, I cannot believe that he would afterwards have been instrumental in having it *displaced*.

Since penning the foregoing article, I have referred to one of the many books kindly sent me by Past Grand Master Nickerson (Massachusetts), viz., "Grand Master Gardner's Address upon Henry Price," and shall be obliged by the insertion of the following *Addendum*:—

Henry Price in a letter dated Aug. 6, 1755, says:—"I Rec$^{d.}$ my Deputation . . in April 1733 . . . I have some remote thoughts of once more seeing London with all Brethren in the Grand Lodge after twenty-two years' absence."

This letter plainly evidences that Price was *in* London and personally received his deputation, the same being dated April 30, 1733.

Now, as Price was in London in April 1733, and "personally acquainted with Grand Officers," &c. [vide G.M. Gardner's excellent address], it is *almost* impossible that he did not know of *an* American Lodge having been placed at the No. 79, if such event occurred (as contended) in 1731, whilst it is *quite* impossible, that possessing such knowledge (even if subsequently acquired) he would have plainly expressed in the letter already quoted from, his belief in having *established* Masonry in North America.

R. F. G.

ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

Rose of Sharon, Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Chapter House, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Present—Sir Knights Henry Meyer 32, Ill. W. James Hill 33 P. Ill. W. and Sec., John H. Southwood P.M. P.Z. 32 acting S.W., William Stephens P.M. P.Z. 32 (Sub. Gd. Com. Senate No. 6) as J.W., Henry Stephens P.M. 31 Orator, Edward Harrison 31 Treasurer, Richard Marshall 30 Captain of Guard, Thomas Sims 30 Guard of Tower, and J. H. Peach 30 Archivist; also an Ill. Bro. Visitor. The Chapter was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the first Tuesday in the New year. The Ill. brethren afterwards partook of refreshments, served in the ante-room.

Mystic Temple, Province of Middlesex.—A special convocation of the S.P.M. 32 assembled at the Rooms, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, on Tuesday, 7th December, under warrant from the Gd. Sec. Gen. (acting as the G.M.L. for the Province). The following Ill. brethren attended, viz.:—James Hill 33 (acting G.M.L.), William Stephens 32 Grand Orator, Henry Meyer 32 Gd. Treas., J. H. Southwood 32 Gd. Examiner, W. J. Meek 32 Grand Keeper of Rites. Convocation having been opened in ample form with solemn prayer, declared on the 31 (G.D.R.), and received several Ill. brethren. The appointment of the Officers of the G.D. Tribunal (31) were then proclaimed, and the following Ill. brethren invested with the insignia of their rank, viz.:—Edward Harrison 31 Gd. S., Bernard Meyer 31 Gd. D. (in absentio), Henry Stephens 31 Gd. A. Convocation was then closed and the Ill. brethren attended the "Rose of Sharon" Chapter of Rose Croix, held on the same evening.

The Primitive Pilgrim Chapter Rose Croix, No. 5, Holyhead.—Met on Thursday, 9th inst., for the purpose of admitting four candidates to this interesting degree. Two of them were prevented by illness from attending, the other two being present, the ceremony was carried out most efficiently by the M.W. and the Grand Expert Gen. of the Rite. A large contingent of Irish members attended. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Royal Arcade Hotel, and partook of a most *recherché* banquet. After which the usual Loyal and Ancient and Primitive toasts were given and heartily responded to. A most pleasant evening was spent.

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* See "Four Old Lodges," p 56. The No. 248 [1740-55], dated 7th June 1754, appears to have been vacant on all lists.

† Bro. Hughan lent me *his* copy of this very interesting work at the beginning of the year, but the notes I made only refer to the subject of "Military Lodges."

‡ Four Old Lodges, p 8.

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WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

9th December 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am surprised that so experienced and astute a Craftsman as Bro. Constable should have failed to see that, however well vouched for he may have been, he had no ground whatever for remaining in the Goodwill Lodge, Port Elizabeth, during the consideration of its private business. The footnote to your report of the Tranquility Lodge, No. 185, published on 27th November, distinctly states that "when the minutes were about to be read, the W.M. requested the Visitor to retire, as some matters would have to be discussed in which a stranger had no concern." It was not only therefore, a matter "of course" that the W.M.'s ruling should be obeyed, but Bro. Constable should have retired gracefully, without first stopping "indignantly" to inquire "whether a Brother Mason, so well introduced and vouched for, was unfit to be entrusted with Lodge matters of any description." His indignation was uncalled for, and is inexcusable, as he will discover if he refers to that part of Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, which treats of "Visitors." He will there find it laid down as a suggestion by that admirable type of a courteous Freemason, that though there may be no written law on the subject, a certain delicacy of feeling by which all brethren are presumed to be actuated will prompt them to withdraw of their own motion, from the Lodge during the discussion of matters "in which a stranger" has "no concern." Bro. Constable, therefore, must pardon me if I take the liberty of pointing out to him that the resentment he displayed at a very natural request, and his quitting the Lodge "not to enter it again," resolve themselves into a very silly exhibition of spleen, while the perpetuation of his folly in the footnote referred to will only have the effect of making him appear still more ridiculous in the sight of others. He must bear in mind that the meeting of Lodge is, in many respects, a kind of family gathering, and no mere visitor, with any sense of delicacy or politeness, would ever dream of intruding at a time when family matters with which they "had no concern" were being considered. There is nothing unusual, and it is impossible there can be anything offensive—anything calculated to evoke a sense of indignation—in hinting at or requesting the withdrawal of Visitors when Lodge matters are about to be considered; but there is something very silly and very likely to create a feeling of annoyance in the minds of a Master and the members of a Lodge, when a Visitor is hardy enough to regard a very natural request as an act of grave discourtesy. Were I in Bro. Constable's shoes I should wish your reporter had been discreetly silent respecting the "incident" that occurred during the visit to Goodwill Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS.

[In support of our correspondent's view we draw the attention of our readers to a report, which appears elsewhere in our columns, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Du Toits Pan, S. Africa. It is there stated, that "The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After some other business had been gone through several visiting brethren were admitted." This shows, at all events, that while our South African brethren, in this or that Lodge assembled, extend a hearty welcome to Visitors, they do not think it a part of their duty to receive them into their confidence in respect of the private concerns of the Lodge; and small blame to them for so thinking. It would better have become Bro. Constable had he done what our correspondent suggests he should have done—retired gracefully and unhesitatingly. He has, ere now, met with more than one rebuff for his attempted interference in Lodge business, and if he consults his own dignity—to say nothing of his desire to stand well in the estimation of the Craft—he will cultivate a little more that "certain delicacy of feeling by which all brethren are presumed to be actuated" toward each other, whether individually or collectively in Lodge assembled.—ED. F. C.]

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much interest the Dissertation on Freemasonry delivered recently in the Montefiore Lodge, and since published in your columns. I do not say it contained much that was novel in the way of information, or that the opinions it expressed were very striking; so much as this could hardly have been expected from so young a Mason. But it is always a pleasure to find a newly-accepted brother busying himself with the concerns of Freemasonry, and especially with what relates to its character for enlightenment. I should be sorry to see any disturbance of what are known as the Landmarks of Freemasonry, but I do not think the retention of those Landmarks need prove an obstacle to the many improvements for which there is ample scope in the language of our ceremonies and lectures. The educated Mason may not altogether approve of much that he finds in these, but he knows or can determine with something like accuracy the sources from which they have been compiled. He may not, indeed he cannot, accept them literally; but he reads between the lines, so to speak, and fully appreciates the grand truths which are hidden beneath the surface. On the other hand, the uneducated, and probably not over-intelligent, brother is unable to distinguish between what is true in the letter, and what is only partially true or true in the spirit. Again, a Lodge of Instruction, as Bro. Sigismund pointed out in his letter of last week, is not the school for enlightening the raw recruits of Masonry. The members who attend are willing enough to learn, but in too many cases the Preceptor is unable to teach. He can work a lecture and rehearse a ceremony, just as the clerk in a parish church is up to leading the responses; but with a few notable exceptions, I question if there is any serious difference between the Masonic Preceptor and the average parish clerk—that is, in their respective fields of labour. Both say what they have to say because it is "in the book;" but it would puzzle them to explain why it is there or what it all means.

I agree with Bro. Pollitzer that "it is only by the expression of our opinions that we can convince each other which is right or wrong;" but I think matters of a controversial nature should be reserved for discussion outside the Lodge. Hence tact is necessary on the part of those who give Dissertations on Masonry, especially if they are but initiates of yesterday. I daresay that Bro. Sigismund will gather experience as he goes, and avoid in future even a passing reference to what is calculated to promote differences.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

TAU.

THE DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an ardent well-wisher of, and one who took an active part in founding the Devon Fund, I fail to see the utility of drawing useless comparisons that bear no affinity to each other.

Referring to the paragraph in your last issue, stating that a concert was about to take place in Plymouth to aid the Devon Fund.

This paragraph you (by footnote) acknowledge as a reprint from the *Western Daily Mercury*, published in Plymouth.

The writer, after stating each child on the Fund costs on the average £13 per year, then goes out of the way to show the children elected into the great Masonic schools cost between £50 and £60 per annum. I ask, What is the *motive* of this useless comparison?

The great Schools, gives an education fitting the students to fill any position in life; a good home, with varied and liberal diet; clothing, which bears no charity stamp; the moral and religious training supervised by men of ability, tact, and judgment; and with these manifold advantages *strict* economy is practised.

Knowing well what the Devon Fund was initiated for, I do not cast a slur or disparage it when I point out it simply pays the day school charges of a poor child elected on the Fund, giving clothes when necessary—the child returning during school intervals to its meals, which meals are not paid for out of the Devon Fund, but by the child's friends.

With all my heart do I wish more could be done for each child. May the forthcoming Concert be a decided success, is heartily responded to by the writer. Yet I would suggest that it is not wise to raise a false standard. Let this local Fund go on, it will surely prosper on its own merits; but, for the information of the Committee of Management, I could point to a Provincial Masonic Educational Fund that gives the same benefits as the Devon Fund at one-third less cost per child per year than the £13 quoted as the average cost to Devon.

I remain, yours faithfully,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

Representative of the Committee of Petitions for Devon at the Masonic Charities.

THE GREAT ARTHUR STREET MISSION, ST. LUKE'S, E.C.

WE have great pleasure in calling the attention to the admirable philanthropic work that is being done in one of the most crowded and poorest districts of the City of London by Mr. Reuben May. We speak with a personal knowledge of the man. We know what good he has done in the course of the last twenty years, and is still bent on doing. We know there are hundreds of the poorest among our fellow citizens who are indebted to him for much kindly aid and advice, and for many an ample meal in the day of their distress. We know, and therefore can appreciate, the self-denial by which he is actuated. He is one who is at any time prepared to share his last penny with the poorest outcast. The Mission he has established in Great Arthur-treet, Golden-lane, E.C., has done a vast amount of good already, but it needs support, especially at this season, when the ordinary sufferings of the poor are intensified by the weather. We urge, therefore, on our readers that they will send even a few postage stamps or packages of cast-off clothing to this worthy man. Such timely help will be most acceptable, and they may be sure the gifts, whether in money or kind, will be wisely and worthily distributed. Mr. Reuben May's address is "Mission Hall, Great Arthur-street, Golden-lane, E.C."

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REVIEWS.

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Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book for the Year 1881. London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, 23A Great Queen-street, W.C.

THE Calendar for the new year contains sundry additional features, to which it is desirable we should call the attention of Masons, and for which we consider the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes are entitled to the thanks of the Craft. In the first place, at p 74 will be found "A Table of Grand Masters for (a) the "Moderns, 1717-1813;" (b) the "Ancients, 1753-1813;" and (c) the "United Grand Lodge of Ireland." Then, in the "List of Lodges," the "Ancient" Lodges are distinguished by a †, and have inserted against them the dates when they were respectively constituted. It will, however, occur to many of our readers to inquire why the letters "T.I." (Time Immemorial) should have been placed against Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, when all who have mastered even the elements of Masonic history are perfectly well aware that the only Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England to which the term "Time Immemorial" can with any degree of justice be made to apply are Lodges Nos. 2 and 4, the survivors of the "Four Old Lodges," which in 1717 met together, and established the Grand Lodge of England. It may have suited the purpose of Dermott, who was the guiding spirit of the great Secession, to wink at the senior "Ancient" Lodges advancing so preposterous a claim, or some of the seceding brethren may have thought they were fairly entitled to the distinction on the ground of their having, some time during their Masonic career, been members of one or other of the original "Four Old Lodges." A footnote, however, should have been inserted in order to explain that "T.I." as applied to Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 must be taken in a qualified sense, and not as having the same force or signification as in the case of Nos. 2 and 4. Another feature on which the Calendar Committee are to be congratulated is the insertion of a "C" against all Lodges to which Centenary Warrants have been granted. On the whole, the new issue of Grand Lodge Calendar bears evidence of a greater amount of care in the compilation, though we cannot but think it must be a sore point with the Committee when they call to mind that it is quite two years since the initiative in some of the improvements we have noted was taken by the editor of Bro. Kenning's *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*. But while the Committee have introduced certain additional features which, with the qualifications we have stated, are unquestionably improvements, it is to be regretted they should have thought it wise to continue inserting information of a misleading character. We are not referring to the retention of the first of the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," to wit, that "St. Alban formed the first Lodge in Britain, A.D. 287." It pleases the Committee—who, however, have cast the responsibility on "Anderson's Publication, A.D. 1758,"—and it will amuse, without wounding the susceptibilities of, enthusiastic Craftsmen. But Calendars are meant for use, not ornament, and what is the good of noting that this, that, or another Lodge meets on the first Monday, second Tuesday, or third Wednesday, when, as a matter of fact, it only meets on its appointed day in some six or eight months, more or less. Here, again, the credit of having taken the initiative undoubtedly belongs to the "Cosmo," and it must be remembered the Grand Lodge authorities possess facilities for inserting accurate information which no amount of labour or expense on the part of the most enterprising publisher will enable him to procure.

We would further suggest that the dates of Warrants of Constitution, or to be precise, the years in which they were severally granted, should be inserted in the case of the Royal Arch Chapters. In our opinion this Degree, which is held to be a part of pure and ancient Masonry receives but scant courtesy. It bears its share of the expenses of the Grand Secretary's Office, it liberally supports our Institutions, but its meetings are mostly formal and the attention it attracts is—well, likewise formal. Here is a fine field in which Grand Scribe E. may expend whatever of superfluous energy may remain to him when his Grand Secretarial functions have been discharged. In fine, our desire is to see Grand Lodge Calendar, in the first place as accurate, and in the second place as complete, as it can be made, and we do not know of any just cause or impediment why it should not be both the one and the other.

The Cosmopolitan Calendar for 1881. London: 198 Fleet Street, and 1, 2, 3, 4 Little Britain, &c.; also at Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.

BRO. KENNING, as proprietor and publisher of the "Cosmo," is to be congratulated on its early publication and the great improvement noticeable in its contents. We state in our notice of the Grand Lodge Calendar that he has the credit of having taken the initiative in respect of inserting the dates of the "Ancient" Lodges—an initiative which Grand Lodge, after the lapse of some two years, has thought it wise to follow. We are also heartily glad to see he has introduced a further reform, and has given, as far as they were obtainable, the actual days when Lodges meet—a piece of information which is very necessary, and which some day, perhaps, Grand Lodge, with its greater facilities for issuing a completely accurate Calendar, will in its wisdom see fit to publish. We may add, that it devotes greater space to the Mark Degree, and that the particulars of Freemasonry in other countries is far more extended than in former years. It has now reached its eleventh year of issue, and is a credit to all who have had a part in its production.

Amabel Vaughan, and other Tales, &c., being the Second Series of Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers, by Emra Holmes. With a Masonic Memoir of the Author by George Markham Tweddell, Fellow of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen; Corresponding Member of the Royal Historical Society, London; Member of the Surtees Society, &c. Author of "Shakspere, his Times and Contemporaries;" "The Bards and Authors of Cleveland and South Durham;" &c. Truro: Lake and Lake, Princes Street. London: *Freemason* Office, 198 Fleet Street, and at Bro. George Kenning's Masonic Depôts—London: 1, 2, 3, 4 Little Britain, and 175 Aldersgate Street. Liverpool: 2 Monument Place. Manchester: 47 Bridge Street. Glasgow: 9 West Howard Street.

SOME time since we reproduced in our columns the Masonic Memoir of Bro. Emra Holmes, but had we not done so, Bro. Holmes is so well known as an able, active, and energetic member of the Craft, that no more than a passing note of reference to it is required, with the two-fold object of pointing out, in the first place, that his Masonic career has been in the highest degree creditable to him, and in the second place, that Bro. Tweddell's work of compiling the memoir is in every way worthy of that brother's reputation as a man of letters. Nor, as the volume of tales has been some time before the public, need we be at the pains of devoting much time or space to a consideration of its contents. But though the public may be fairly familiar with them by this time, we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of saying a few words of well-merited eulogy. Very different in our opinion is this second series of tales from that we had occasion to notice in an earlier volume. That had nothing to commend it beyond the purpose for which it was published, which was, if we remember rightly, one most honourable to the writer; but in this book the subordinate and principal tales show both constructive ability as well as descriptive power on the part of Bro. Holmes which are worthy of praise, and for which, to say sooth, we should not have given him credit. *Amabel Vaughan* is the most elaborate, and gives the greatest proof of the powers we have just attributed to the author. Nor is it only in respect of its construction this tale deserves mention; it contains much that is interesting, and will be absolutely news to many among our readers. We refer to the account furnished of the inner life at Christ's Hospital—or the Bluecoat School, as it is more familiarly known—both in London and at Hertford. From what we have heard from those who were educated there, it is only possible for us to come to the conclusion that what is said as to the severity of the floggings, between thirty and forty years ago, is exaggerated; but in other respects we believe it is fairly accurate. There is enough of circumstance in the description to induce the belief—even if we were not already aware of the fact—that the author speaks from a personal experience of the institution. There is no doubt, too, that great improvements have taken place since the time referred to, while for all the unpleasant reminiscences of the floggings, there is a kindly tone throughout which does credit to the writer's heart. This account, however, is quite subsidiary to the plot of the story, in which the principal characters, besides Amabel or Mabel Vaughan, are Reginald Fitzgerald and Marcus Seaton. On the events of the story we will not dwell; to give even a sketch of them would spoil the pleasure of intending readers, and is unnecessary in the case of those who have read the tale. "Another Fenian Outrage: A Tale for Freemasons," is highly amusing, in testimony of which we quote the earlier part of the ceremony employed in initiating Marmaduke Forester into the mysteries of Ancient Masonry:—

"As Mr. Forester stood till the last stroke of twelve should admit him into the citadel (as he was told to call it), a profane ear might have caught sounds which were, at all events, a good imitation of boisterous laughter; but in the perturbed state of our hero's mind, they only represented the mocking groans of the ghostly visitants of that haunted mill.

Presently, just as a policeman on his beat passed him with a sharp 'Good night, Sir,' in reply to his polite salutation, the clock struck twelve. A door opened, and our hero entered. All was darkness, and a voice cried out in deep tragic tones—

'Who goes there?'

'A spy,' was the rejoinder, from another corner of the room, in a sepulchral voice.

'Seize him and bring him before the Grand Sophos.'

Two hands seized his, and he was marched forward five steps, and told that he was to stamp upon the ground at the first, third, and fifth steps, and to say *Ver-y-rum-my-ah!*

This he did—taking due pains to give each syllable distinctly, and evidently feeling that there was some mysterious meaning in the same. He was told to kneel, and the voice, which appeared to be that of the Grand Sophos, who had spoken before, exclaimed—

'To arms, brethren, and light the citadel.'

A sudden lurid glare shone out for a moment, revealing the interior of a lofty chamber; a number of figures were seen dressed in fantastic guise, all being armed with swords, which were drawn, and were being pointed at the unlucky wight, who looked wistfully round upon the scene. Standing on what might have been thought a beer barrel—if anything so out of place could have been there—was a figure clothed in white, with its head in its hands, or what looked like a head.

This was all taken in at a glance, for the flame burnt but for a moment and then died out, leaving a murky darkness and a faint smell as of brimstone.

'Behold,' said a voice, 'the form of one who hath betrayed his craft!'

'Are you prepared to pass through the ordeal which all neophytes who aspire to a knowledge of our mysteries have to undergo?'

'I am sir,' said our hero bravely.

'Jove, the fellow's got pluck!' a familiar voice muttered *sotto voce*, unheard, however, by Mr. Forester.

'Will you take the oath?'

'I will, sir.'

'Then repeat your name and take this book, which is the Volume of the Coptic Law, place the same upon your breast, and say after me,

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'*To arms, most venerable Masons.*'

The oath was then administered to the candidate in the Egyptian language, as the Grand Sophos stated:—

'*I, Marmaduke Forester, a neophyte candidate for Freemasonry, solemnly swear unto you, masters and brethren, by the holy pyramids of Egypt, and by the goddess Isis—that—*

'*That I nev,*' said the Sophos, speaking as if it were all one word.

'*Thatinev,*' answered Forester.

'*Erwillma,*' continued the Sophos.

'*Erwillma,*' responded the neophyte.

'*Keafoo,*' said the voice.

'*Keafoo,*' replied the candidate.

'*Lofmyselfanymorebloat.*'

The candidate reiterated the last word with difficulty and some indistinctness.

'*Edbreth,*' said the Grand Sophos sharply.

'*Edbreth,*' repeated our friend.

'*Ren,*' muttered the headless one.

'*Ren,*' said Forester, trembling.

'*Slochumpollywog and hachidandering*!!!' the Sophos uttered in a loud voice.

'*It is done, brethren. Blindfold the neophyte*!'

In a minute Forester is seized from behind—his hands are tied, a bandage is placed over his eyes. At the same time a light is produced and a sound of suppressed laughter is heard. Our hero's fears are, however, too keen to allow of his taking any notice."

"Mildred," another tale, is well told; and there is a neatly-written account of "Gloucester Cathedral," which originally appeared in the *Freemason*. Some of the songs and ballads are tuneful and pathetic, such as "Alone," a Mother's Song, and "To my Boy"—aged four. However, we will not enlarge further on this series of tales and poems. We have already said, and we have great pleasure in repeating, that they are deserving of eulogy.

Cassell's Cookery (containing 900 receipts).—Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin have just commenced the reissue of their well-known Cookery Book. The present edition, which is the third, will be published in sixpenny monthly parts, each part containing 96 pages, with numerous illustrations. The publication is intended to run over thirteen months, so that for a small outlay every household will be able to secure one of the best, if not the best, book that is published on the subject of cookery. We all know how easy it is for the best dinner to be spoilt in the cooking, and therefore we should hail with pleasure any attempt to lessen the chance of mishap in the kitchen. For ourselves we do not profess to be adepts in the art of cookery, but the way in which Messrs. Cassell give instructions leads us to believe that the preparation of the choicest dishes is an easy matter, and almost induces us to try our hand. We shall certainly take an opportunity of having some of their instructions practically tested.

Ward and Lock's Universal Instructor, or Self-Culture for all.—"Above all things study" is the quotation with which Messrs. Ward and Lock head the monthly issues of this work, and from the contents of the first two parts now before us, we are inclined to believe that a careful perusal of its pages would amply repay the trouble it would entail. We are told that the work is to be completed in 36 monthly parts at sixpence each (weekly numbers one penny), and if the same care is bestowed on future issues as is apparent in the two now under notice, the work will form a valuable addition to the store of entertaining educational books.

Cassell's Popular Educator.—A new and thoroughly revised edition of this work is now in course of publication. The favourable reception accorded to the former edition is the best testimony that can be adduced as to the utility and value of this undertaking, which we hope will meet with the success which attended the previous issue of the work.

London Opinion, the first monthly part of which is now issued by Messrs. Dean and Son, has for its programme the discussion of current events and matters which occur in our midst, on what may be termed the advanced education principle. The subjects treated of in the first number are varied, some of them being approached with ability and tact.

The second annual ball given in connection with the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, is announced to take place on Tuesday, the 18th January, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., for which occasion Bro. Dan Godfrey's band, under his personal direction, is retained. Those of our readers who attended last year's ball, at the Holborn Town Hall, will not need any remarks from us to induce them to decide on attending this one. Everything passed off so well on that occasion, and all seemed so thoroughly to enjoy themselves, that we cannot wish for a more successful gathering. The names of the Stewards for next January's meeting are a sufficient guarantee that nothing will be wanting on the part of the promoters to ensure enjoyment, and all we can wish them is, that they will have a large company to support them. The ball will not be restricted to Masons, and the price of the tickets—which may be obtained of Bro. W. G. Dickins, Hon. Sec., 16 Norfolk-street, Strand, and others—are, for gentlemen, 12s 6d; ladies, 10s 6d; double ticket 21s, to include supper and light refreshment during the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Monday, 13th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight being the consecrating Officer. He was supported by a large and influential assemblage of brethren, among whom were the following:—Bros. Hickman D.P.G.M., Thos. H. H. Martin P.G.S.W., Herbert Brouncker P.G.J.W., Revs. A. A. Headley and A. G. Barker P.G. Chaplains, Mark E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, A. J. Miller P.G. Secretary, R. Barnes P.G.D.C., James Harle P.G. Pursuivant, J. G. Jones P.G.O., Thos. Lamb P.G.R., John Parkinson and C. H. Liddell P.G. Stewards, J. H. Biggs and T. Exele Tylers. The Lodge of Economy No. 76, was represented by Bros. H. Ventham, J. Marks, R. Mos M.P. for Winchester, G. F. Nixon, E. Hall, A. A. Hill, T. Stephe P.M., W. C. Powell, J. Royle, C. O. La Croix, James Harris W.M. S. Newman, Morton, G. Cox and J. Murray. The following members of other Lodges were present:—Bros. J. Pantos P.M. 694, J. W. Daniels 1461, W. Honford 1424, G. Adams 334, Thos. Francis P.M. 804, Richard Laker 804, R. L. Lindall W.M. 1293 P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Richard Bell 1461, A. W. Galbraith 261, George Rake P.M. 487, Charles H. Rond 1112, Thomas Palmer 121, A. P. Young 35 A. G. Rider 359, 1780, Charles L. Hall 1461, James Squire P.M. James W. Squire 3, R. Bradford P.M. 355, J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.P.G.J.W. Herts, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, A. Hervey 309, Edwin G. Legge Worshipful Master 1607. The ceremony of consecration being completed, that of Installation followed, Bro. S. R. Everitt being placed in the chair of K.S. He, in due course, appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. E. D. Godwin P.M. S.W., W. Gamon P.M. J.W., W. H. Jacob Treasurer, J. T. Burchett Secretary, W. Lumsden S.D., G. Sealey J.D., J. Marks D.C., H. Pottle I.G., T. Bailey S.S., E. H. Macklin J.S., C. Sims Tyler. In addition to the above the following members of the new Lodge were present:—Bros. J. Simonds, J. Waterman, J. T. Doswell, W. E. Palmer. At the conclusion of the day's work, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel to banquet. We hope to give a more detailed account of the proceedings in our next issue.

JAMAICA.

Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix.—The ordinary meeting took place at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on 28th October, E. Bro. Henry Garsia M.W.S. Bro. Winslow Young Garsia, S.W. of the Westmoreland Lodge, No. 1337, was duly perfected in the 18th Degree. Ill. Bro. Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson 32 P.M.W.S. was unanimously elected a Life Member of the Chapter, and the M.W.S. was deputed to prepare a suitable resolution to be presented to him expressing the great regret of the members at his approaching departure from the Island on the termination of his period of appointment, and in recognition of the services rendered by him to the Chapter during the past three years.

Kingston Chapter Rose Croix.—The ordinary meeting of this Chapter took place at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on 8th November. Ill Bro. William Andrews 30 M.W.S. Bro. Francis Henry Saunders was duly perfected in the 18th degree, and Bro. John Edward Duncombe obligated as a serving brother to act as Equerry. Ill. Bro. W. Andrews 30 was elected by ballot as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and E. Bro. William Duff as Treasurer. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution to be presented to Ill. Bro. Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson 32, Recorder of the Chapter, expressing the thanks of the Chapter for the services rendered by him since its formation, and also regretting that the termination of his period of service at the end of the year would sever his active connection with it, although as a Life Member he would still continue on the roll of members.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

THE annual convocation was held on 19th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. The Principals elect were—E. Comps. James H. Keats Z., John R. Lord H., and E. A. Lean J., they were, in ancient form and with accustomed ceremony, duly installed by E. Comps. R. Pengelly P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by J. B. Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. and James Gidley P.Z. in a Board of Installed Principals, amongst whom were Comps. S. Jew P.Z. P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., Robert G. Bird P.Z., Richard Cawsey H. 230, J. R. H. Harris J. 230, H. Cameron J. 1205. The other Officers appointed were R. Pengelly I.P.Z., L. D. Westcott P.Z. P.P.G.A.S. Treasurer, Richard Pengelly S.E., E. Tout S.N., L. J. Webber P.S., J. G. Kevern R., John D. Barker 1st A.S., F. B. Westlake 2nd A.S., Thomas King D.C., J. Phillips Jan. Reference was made to the lamented death of the late Rev. J. Huyshe P.G.S., to whose widow a letter of condolence had been sent. After the business the Comps. adjourned to Comp. Symons's Harvey's Hotel, where the banquet was provided; the usual toasts followed, and Comp. Symons was highly complimented for his catering and attention to the comfort of his guests.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, will not hold another meeting until Thursday, 6th January, in consequence of repairs to Lodge rooms, and the Christmas holidays.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council (Time Immemorial) Allied Masonic Degrees will be held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, this day (Saturday), the 18th inst., at three o'clock p.m.

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Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 9th inst. The Fifteen Sections were worked, under the presidency of Bro. W. McDonald S.D. 1445, assisted by Bros. C. H. Webb Preceptor as I.P.M., and T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, and W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The questions were ably put, and exceptionally well answered by the following brethren:—First Lecture:—Bros. Jones, H. Seymour-Clarke, E. H. Norden, I. P. Cohen, Durell, Hogg, and Musto. Second Lecture:—Bros. Vallentine, Cundick, Grammer, Myers, and Musto. Third Lecture:—Bros. J. Da Silva, T. J. Maidwell, and T. J. Barnes. After the conclusion of the Sections, Bros. Johnson, Pardon, Fenn, S. Vallentine P.M. 9, Loane, Clements, Stewart, Schweitzer, C. Lorkin, Easton, and Seymour-Clarke were unanimously elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Webb to the presiding W.M. for the able and masterly manner in which he had performed the arduous duties of the chair, and that honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred on him. This was carried by acclamation, and after the W.M. had responded, a vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren who had worked the Sections. This was responded to by Bro. T. J. Barnes, who expressed his admiration of the manner in which the working had been performed, both by the W.M. and assisting brethren; he was convinced those who had worked that evening would, if called upon, again do so. About forty brethren were in attendance.

On the 16th inst., Bros. H. J. Phillips W.M., Da Silva S.W., N. P. Vallentine J.W., Gartley S.D., Ward I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary, and Bros. Tobias, Paton, Schweitzer, and E. H. Norden. After usual formalities, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Paton candidate. Bro. E. H. Norden answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. E. H. Norden as candidate. Bro. Paton, a candidate for raising, ably answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Da Silva worked the first section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The sum of one guinea was voted to the Fund for Providing a Christmas Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bros. H. J. Phillips and Da Silva were elected Auditors for the current year. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 14th inst. Bros. Dignam W.M., Smyth S.W., Christian J.W., Glass S.D., Polak J.D., Carr I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Dallas, Morling, Brasted, Edwards, Catlin, Larter, Clark, Hoare, Floyd, Garrod. After preliminaries Bro. Edwards answered the question leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Edward was passed. Lodge opened and closed in the third degree, Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Garrod gave the lecture of the second tracing board. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Brasted worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Morling and Hoare were elected members. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., Stransom Tress., Ivey P.M. Sec., Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., W. Ravenscroft jun. Steward, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Hurley, Pulley, Flanagan, Margrett. Bros. Tegg, Weatherhead, Bailey, Collins, Cordrey, Mace, Goff, Titcombe, H. Ferguson, Wort. Visitors—Bros. Wake Rothesay 1687, S. Bradley W.M. 41, Withers Sec. 414, F. Ferguson S.D. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414, J. E. Sydenham 414. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Joseph Greenaway was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and declared to be elected. Mr. Stephen Knight and Mr. Wm. Joseph James, both elected at the last regular Lodge, were initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of the I.P.M., who announced that Bro. Mace was a candidate to be raised to the third degree. This brother having satisfactorily answered the questions leading from the second to the third, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Mace was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the I.P.M. having conducted the imposing ceremony in his usual correct and impressive manner, the effect of which was considerably increased by the vocal and instrumental accompaniment, under the direction of Bro. Hickie Org. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bros. Cordrey, Vowles, and Hukins, were appointed on the Permanent Committee. After a proposal of a candidate for initiation, and the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed.

We omitted, on the 27th ult., in our report of the installation meeting, to take note of an interesting ceremony that occurred at the banquet. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Hackford P.M. 1328, who complimented the W.M. and Officers upon the excellent working he had that day witnessed, and expressed the great pleasure he had felt in attending the Lodge at different times under the Mastership of Bro. Danks, to whom he would beg to offer (with the permission of the W.M.) a P.M. collar and silver jewel, duly inscribed, subscribed for by a few P.M.'s in London, who appreciated his correct working, and who wished to present him with some memento of their regard. The I.P.M., in a felicitous speech, returned his best thanks for the kindness shown to him by his London brethren.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Wednesday, 15th December, at Bro. Hurley's, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction Railway Station. Present—Bros. Stewart W.M., Brittain S.W., Chitson J.W., Hand Sec., Ward S.D., Hammond J.D., Wooding I.G., McDonald Preceptor *pro tem.* Visitors—Bros. Clark, Christian, Munro, Quay, Clements, Dardenne, and Abrahams. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Clark acting as candidate. Bro. Christian gave the traditional history. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degree, and Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren; after other incidental business the Lodge was closed in due form.

Old England Lodge, No. 1790.—At a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, New Thornton, Croydon, on Monday, 13th inst., Bro. B. Buckworth officiated as W.M., Bro. Foulsham I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northamberland as Treasurer, H. Harland as S.W., F. C. Pascall as J.W., E. Whittaker as S.D., E. Daniel P.M. as J.D., J. Sergeant as I.G., Bavin Tyler, and Bros. Abrahams, Baber, Gates, Gillingham, Legg, Ranson, Ridpath, Shakespeare, Sheadd P.M. 720, Shorfeld, Smith, Taylor, and White; Visiting Bros., S. Clarke 1586, and Joseph Laskey P.M. 72. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. Foulsham and confirmed. The W.M. reported with regret that, since their last meeting, they had sustained a loss caused by the death of Bro. Robinson, the Secretary, and remarked that he had always found Bro. Robinson ready and willing to perform his duties, which were done in a cheerful and satisfactory manner. He was one of the first initiates, and he had done such good service to the Lodge, both as Secretary and as a member, that he (the W.M.) had no doubt his Officers and brethren would deplore the loss of such a valuable brother. The W.M. then appointed Bro. Baber as Secretary of the Lodge *pro tem.* He then proposed that a sum of £10 10s be voted out of the Lodge funds to the general subscription that is being raised for the benefit of the widow and child of Bro. Robinson, and that a subscription be made among the members in addition, which—after several brethren had referred in feeling terms to the regretted decease of Bro. Robinson—was seconded by Bro. Foulsham, and carried. The Secretary was directed to write a letter to Mrs. Robinson, expressing the condolence of the brethren. The Lodge was clothed in mourning as a token of respect. Mr. Charles Tarry having been balloted for and elected, was duly initiated. Bro. Jobbins, of "Constitutional" Lodge, No. 55, was then balloted for, and duly elected a joining member of this Lodge. Bros. Smith and Ridpath also answered the necessary questions previous to passing, and the Lodge having been advanced, they were passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the Lodge closed in the usual form.

Obituary.

ONCE more we have to record the loss, caused by death, of one of those brethren whose decease will cause a gap in the circle of which he was a member, which will be very difficult to fill up. Bro. Robinson, the late Secretary of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, has departed this life, and we have no doubt but that very many members of the Craft, outside the Lodge of which he was a member, will join the brethren thereof in their regrets and sympathy with the widow. We understand that, unfortunately, Bro. Robinson's widow and family are left totally unprovided for, and, as will be seen from the report of the last meeting of the Old England Lodge, a subscription is being raised on their behalf. We hope that the brethren who have the matter in hand will meet with a hearty response to their call.

THE THEATRES, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, THE VICARAGE, and SCHOOL.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7.15, AN OLD MASTER. At 8, RICHELIEU.
STRAND.—At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.
COURT.—At 7.30, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR, and TWO OLD BOYS.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, GOOD FORTUNE.
LYCEUM.—At 7.30, BYGONES. At 8.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER. At 8, THE GREEN BUSHES.
GAIETY.—At 7.15, HAPPY VILLAGE. At 8, MUSICAL BOX. At 9.45, KERRY. At 9.45, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS & CO. On Friday, FORTY THIEVES.
GLOBE.—At 7.15, DUTCH METAL. At 8.30, LES MOUSQUETAIRES.
CRITERION.—At 8, UNCLE JOHN. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.
FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8, A NEW TRIAL.
IMPERIAL.—At 8, LES BELLES VIENOISES. At 8.30, BILLEE TAYLOR.
ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BOW BELLS. At 9.30, DON JUAN JUNIOR.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, OUR RELATIVES. At 8.15, DELILAH.
ALHAMBRA.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.0, LA FILLE DU TAMBOUR MAJOR. On Monday, MEFISTOFELE II.
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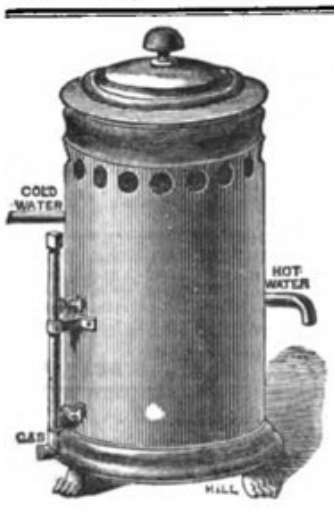
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Association of Charity Stewards.

APPENDED is a copy of Resolutions unanimously passed at a meeting of the Association of Charity Stewards held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on the 1st November last.

The object of these Resolutions may be thus briefly stated. To consolidate the Benevolent and Annuity Fund, and a Fund now being raised, into one common Fund, to be called the "Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund," and to amalgamate the two Committees known respectively as the "Association of Charity Stewards" and the "Benevolent and Annuities Fund Committee" into one general representative Committee, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and promote Masonic benevolence in this Province, not only in connection with the general Masonic Charities, but also for the investigation and relief of all such local claims and applications as may from time to time be referred to it by the several Lodges in the Province.

Let it be distinctly understood that the proposed Fund will not in any way interfere with the three great Central Charities, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Institution for the Aged, nor is it contemplated that the Brethren will in any way relax their efforts in support of those Charities. The proposed Fund will be merely supplementary to them, occupying, in fact, ground which they do not cover.

For many years past the Benevolent and Annuity Fund of this Province has supplemented the action of the R.M.B. Institution by assisting certain of our aged Warwickshire brethren or their widows. This has been done by granting them weekly sums of money. In some cases the assistance required has only been temporary; in others it has been rendered because the recipient had not reached the necessary age (55) for an annuity to be granted from the R.M.B. Institution, or it may have been given to support a candidate until an annuity could be secured. It is proposed in the same way to help those boys and girls who may not be successful in getting admitted to the Schools. It should be remembered that it is only between the ages of eight and eleven that children are eligible for admission to those Institutions. The severity of the contest for election is also constantly increasing, and although by combined action on the part of the Governors and Subscribers throughout this Province, we have met with a fair amount of success, so many are the children who are applicants for admission to the Schools that some often have to wait over two, three, or more elections before the Province can take up their cases. Occasionally a case comes before us with strong claims for our sympathy and support, but ineligible for admission to the School by reason of having exceeded the specified age. Moreover, there are cases too often occurring where a family of several children is left more or less destitute, most of them too young for admission to the Schools even had the Province sufficient voting power to secure their election. In such cases as these where help is urgently required it is proposed to afford it by either wholly or partially boarding, clothing, and educating them under proper supervision.

It is also proposed to assist those of our Warwickshire children who may be in need of assistance when they leave School, that assistance to be of such a nature as the circumstances of the child may require and the state of the Fund permit. These are some of the more prominent reasons why it is considered that the formation of such a Fund as the one suggested should be commenced, and it is earnestly hoped that every Brother in the Province, either by a donation, or annual subscription, or both, will accord it his hearty support.

1.—"That while agreeing with the objects contemplated by Lord Rosslyn's proposition to establish a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, this meeting deems it inexpedient that a separate organisation should be formed to carry out the objects specified, and adheres to the resolution passed at a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Warwick, 17th January 1880," as follows:—

"That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, the Freemasons of this Province would be reluctant to see a Fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a Charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. The brethren fear that should the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund be established, it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the brethren pledge themselves to continue, and, if necessary, to increase their present contributions to those Charities upon the condition that the Managing Committees of those Schools shall undertake to provide temporary assistance, by Scholarships or otherwise, to those pupils who shall require such assistance upon their leaving the Schools, from the funds which shall be at thei disposal."

2.—"That it is desirable to establish a Masonic Benevolent and Pupil's Assistance Fund for the Province of Warwickshire having the following objects:—

(a) The boarding, clothing, and educating, wholly or partially, the children of deceased brethren, and the children of brethren, who from misfortune are prevented from properly educating or providing for their children.

(b) Assisting the advancement of any such child on leaving school.

(c) The granting of annuities to aged or decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

3.—"That the formation of a fund for the relief of necessitous Warwickshire pupils on their leaving the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools having been resolved upon, all communications with reference to such pupils shall be made direct to the respective Committees of those Schools."

MASONIC CHARITY TO THE OUTER WORLD.

AT a meeting we lately had the pleasure of attending, and at which a few non-Masons were present, one of the number, in replying to the toast of his health, said that he had often felt a desire to join the ranks of Freemasonry, but his other duties took up so much of his time, he had not so far sought admission. He respected Freemasonry and the gentlemen who ranged under its banner, for he considered it was doing a great and noble work in the civilisation of mankind. As for its charitable aspect, he felt no words could sufficiently express his thoughts. He had in the course of his life taken part in several charitable undertakings, and it was while doing so he had learned to what lengths the benevolence of the Craft extended. Whether the applicant for the time being was a Mason or not seemed to matter very little; he usually found that the men who were doing the most to relieve distress were Freemasons, and their influence could usually be traced in all the charitable institutions he had been connected with. These remarks from an outsider cannot but be looked upon as flattering to the Craft, and it behoves us to act so as to merit the good character which he and many others have from time to time given us. If we turn to the opposite side of London to that in which the above remarks were made, we find the same praise equally applicable. The Tower Hamlets Philanthropic Society is managed and carried on by gentlemen, most of whom are well known as members of the mystic tie, and from a cursory glance at the list of donors and subscribers, we think they must make good use of their Masonic friendship to secure funds to relieve the distress brought under their notice. At the meeting of the Society, held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Mercer's Arms, Jubilee-street, Mile End, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Simkins, and the vice-chair by Bro. C. C. Taylor. On that occasion seventeen deserving cases were relieved to the extent of a weekly pension of 2s 6d each during the winter months; while several other cases requiring special relief were provided for, as the funds would allow. Later on a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. J. Taylor, and seconded by the vice-Chairman, to Bro. G. H. Stephens, who has in the past acted as Hon. Sec.; and on the solicitation of those assembled, Bro. Stephens consented to act in the same capacity during the present winter session. We hope that he will be able to show a result in the future as praiseworthy as hitherto, but this can only be done by the hearty co-operation of those friends who have supported the Society in the past, or who are desirous of relieving a part of the distress so prevalent among the poor at this time of the year. The Society is doing a large amount of good, and as it depends mainly upon voluntary donations, we feel justified in making an appeal on its behalf. Any subscriptions sent to Bro. G. H. Stephens, 17 Walden-street, Stepney, E., will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

London Cottage Mission.—Winter has brought again its mournful tale of suffering and destitution, and only those who know what it is to have the cupboard bare, the grate empty, and the rooms scantily furnished, can realise the sorrow and bitterness of those in such a position. On Wednesday a gathering of such individuals—children barely clad—assembled for the first time this winter outside the London Cottage Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, to enjoy, to their heart's content, a rish Irish stew dinner. There were between three and four hundred children and aged poor, many of whom had not touched meat for several weeks. Though pitiable the sight, still it was a grand one to witness suffering humanity rejoicing in this feast. The Mission has carried on this noble work for the last two winters, and are able to show a return of many thousands fed. These dinners will be given weekly as long as funds will permit, and we feel sure that the rich, who are the recipients of many blessings through a kind Providence, will show to the fullest extent their sympathy by contributing to the funds, and not allow so good a Charity to flag for want of money, which may be sent to Miss F. Napton, 304 Burdett-road, Limehouse, E.; or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 370.

WE understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.J.W. has consented to become an honorary member of the St. George's Lodge, No. 370, Chertsey, Surrey, and that at a special meeting thereof, held on Saturday, the 11th inst., the brethren unanimously elected H.R.H. to that position.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
190—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall. New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockpor
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 1088—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

WE think no better exemplification of the well-known quotation, "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," can be found than exists at the banquet of a Masonic Lodge on the night of election of Worshipful Master. Then it is we really have two rulers, or two brethren, who seem to share between them the good wishes of those present—the Master who that night presides for the last time in his chair of office, and the brother who, having secured the votes of his fellows, is looked upon as the coming ruler. It is hard to know to whom to accord the most enthusiasm; and were it not that we as Masons can and do show our appreciation in more tangible form than mere good wishes, it would often be a heavy task to adequately thank a W.M. for what he has done in the past, and accord a welcome sufficiently enthusiastic to the W.M. of the future. Such was the case at the last meeting of the Domatic Lodge, which was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, 10th inst. Every one present appeared in the best of humour, and if one or two hard things were said, we hope they were looked upon, as they were evidently intended, more by way of joke than criticism. As is usual, the Lodge was opened at an early hour, and the business of the day was speedily transacted. This comprised the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Tyler, and Audit Committee—four raisings, one passing, and two initiations—no light evening's task for a Brother on the occasion of the closing of a year's Mastership. The brethren present to support the Worshipful Master—Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink—were W. Harris Senior Warden, J. McLean Junior Warden, G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, W. Herbage S.D., R. Pierpont D. of C., E. White I.P.M., W. J. Ferguson P.M., Isaac Buscall P.M., W. F. Smith P.M., and the following Visitors:—Bros.

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H. E. Price 1744, J. Lewis W.M. 1261, S. Wilkinson 1782, J. Long P.M. 733, J. Wardley 1381, H. A. Robertson 1381, T. Brooks 754, T. McPherson 1772, W. Williams 90, E. S. Lintott 1687, C. Evans 860, J. Dallison 1641, W. G. Weber 1760, C. H. Abrams 511, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of banquet in the "crypt" of the hotel, which, although well served, did not reach the standard of excellence usually attained by Brothers Clemow. The cloth being cleared, the W.M. proposed the regular Loyal toasts. Bro. White the I.P.M. gave that of the W.M. It was a pleasing duty, one which he felt, on the present occasion, deserved greater ability than he possessed, as in all probability that was the last time he should have an opportunity of proposing the toast. The W.M. had conducted his duties well, and Bro. White felt that it would not only be a source of regret to Bro. Spink, but also to every member of the Lodge, when he left the chair. He hoped that every Master of the Domatic Lodge would be as capable of upholding the dignity of the chair as Bro. Spink. In acknowledgment, the W.M. tendered his thanks: very frequently it was not till a man's decease that the world at large were made acquainted with the bright side of his character, and often then in the obituary notice which appeared in the daily Press all was eulogy, as it was customary to point out all the good deeds, and gloss over any mistakes that had been committed. He felt very much in the same position; the present was really the time of his decease as W.M., and the I.P.M. in proposing his health had said so many kind things, that he almost felt he (Bro. White) must have had that fact in his mind. During the past year he had endeavoured to do the work thoroughly; what he had lacked in knowledge and ability, he had endeavoured to make up for in industry and a desire to advance the interests of the Lodge. It was eight years since he had been initiated in the Lodge, and on that occasion, when he occupied the position on the right of the chair, he little thought how soon he should fill the office of W.M., or that he should do so with so much satisfaction to the brethren of the Lodge. He asked the members in all sincerity to extend to his successor the same honour they had extended to him, and should he make any mistakes, he hoped they would be overlooked with the same kindly feeling as had been the case during the past year. He next proposed the health of the W.M. elect. They must all hail with gladness the fact that that brother had been unanimously elected to the office. He thought it well that at all times the vote should be so, and thus the outer world might see that even in so important a matter as the election of a Master there was but one feeling in a Masonic Lodge. He remembered how twelve months since the then W.M., in proposing this toast, had referred to the large number in the Domatic Lodge, and had said that no Master could hope to preside over the Lodge successfully, or secure order among the brethren unless he was beloved by the members. He could not do better than repeat that sentiment, and conclude by hoping that the W.M. elect might receive as great kindness and assistance during his term of office, as had been accorded to himself during the year now completed. The W.M. elect expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for having elected him to fill the chair of the Lodge. He felt he had the best wishes of the whole of the members, as evidenced by the unanimous way in which they had elected him to the office. He hoped when he left the chair, the brethren would be able to feel they had not done wrong in appointing him. It would be his endeavour to do all that might be required of him, and he could only hope that at the corresponding time next year he might be able to command the respect and regard of the brethren, and that they would be able to say, "Well done," to him at the conclusion of his term of office. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiates—Henrick Brustad and Nathan Salmon—both of whom expressed their thanks to the brethren. The Visitors was the next toast, and to this Bros. Lewis, Long, Wilkinson, Morgan, and others responded. Certain of the visitors took advantage of the privilege thus afforded them of making remarks which we deem uncalled for. A visitor is quite justified in giving his opinion, and we should be the last to place any restrictions which would tend to lessen the expression of really Masonic sentiment; but when a brother—an old Past Master—refers to events which occurred many years since, and which not being of a very creditable nature it was hoped had been forgotten, we think he exceeded his privilege, and should at once have been called to order. We trust that the brother to whom we refer will not again have the bad taste to insult his hosts in a like manner. Another, a young Visitor from the Midland Counties, who although a Master Mason has, we think, hardly mastered the first principles of Freemasonry, took upon himself to point out what was right and what was wrong. We feel assured that our Brother, when he has seen a little more of the inner working of Freemasonry, will find that it is better to make suggestions rather than lay down the law, especially in the case of an old Lodge like the Domatic, whose members naturally look upon their own Past Masters and old members as being as capable of defining right from wrong as a Mason of a few months' standing. To the toast of the P.M.'s Bros. White, Ferguson, and Buscall replied, they, in their turn, returning the fire which had been showered on the Lodge by the Visitors. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. referred to the re-election of Bro. Everett to the former office, considering that was sufficient to show the satisfaction he had given in the past. As to Bro. Morris, the Secretary, the brethren were one and all in a position to judge of the way in which the duties of that office were carried out, and he (the W.M.) could testify from personal observation to the great amount of work they entailed. Each of these brethren acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Officers, given from the chair. As we have already stated, this meeting was one of the merriest we remember having attended, the remarks made by the visitors, which were taken in good part, being made the signal for an all-round chaff, in which every speaker in turn indulged. After the conclusion of the banquet, a few of the company spent an extra hour under the presidency of Bro. George Everett, and when at last it became necessary to part, it was with a sincere desire for as pleasant a gathering in January next.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, GOOLE, No. 458.

ON Friday, the 10th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, Bro. W. Gardner S.W. being installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, by Bro. P.M. Slack, St. Oswald's, Pontefract. The Officers at the same time invested were—Bros. Major Best S.W., E. Gooderidge J.W., H. Wilson Sec., Wright P.M. Treas., East P.M. Master of Ceremonies, Tudor S.D., W. Brook J.D., W. Everatt I.G., Handley Tyler. Bro. P.M. Ware was unanimously re-elected Charity Member. The Deputy Prov. G. Master of W. Yorkshire (Bro. W. Tew, J.P.) and several local Visiting brethren were present. The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Sidney Hotel.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Torpoint, on Wednesday, 15th inst., when Bro. W. G. Spear was installed as the W. Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by W. Bro. George Castle, the retiring Master, assisted by W. Bro. E. Poor P.M. P.P.G.P. There was a large attendance of Past Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. Thomas Heath, H. Cochrane P.P.G.D., George Darke, E. Murch P.P.G.O. 202, W. D. Thomas 159, E. Aitkin Davies P.P.G.S. Wks., T. Gibbons 1105, R. Truscott, T. Rusholme, J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. On the completion of the ceremony, the Officers were appointed as follow:—Brothers George Cassell I.P.M., H. Stephens Senior Warden, W. J. Barratt Junior Warden, E. Poor Treas., J. W. Collins Sec., A. W. White Assist. Sec., C. Haggarty S.D., A. Debnam J.D., J. Pearce I.G., A. K. Collins D.C., W. Herbert Org., J. Jewell, F. Gillard, S. Hosking Stewards, W. Martin Tyler. The Treasurer's account showed a good balance, and it is satisfactory to know that the handsome building, which was provided for in shares, is fast becoming the property of the Lodge, whilst the number of members is, and has been, increasing, so that the Carew Lodge will soon become one of the largest in Cornwall. The banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and the catering of Bro. Parker afforded great satisfaction to the fifty brethren who had the pleasure of being present. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings enlivened with good singing and appropriate recitations.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, when Wor. Bro. J. H. Stephens P.M. (previously elected) was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Worshipful Brother Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P., the retiring W.M., and one of the founders of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Wor. Bros. R. Lose I.P.M., H. Macmillan S.W., C. A. Nicholson J.W., S. Jew Treas., R. Lose Sec., R. Lose jun. S.D., I. Masters J.D., T. Y. Teague D.C., James Lose I.G., R. Hurrell O., I. Morris S.S., H. R. Farr J.S., J. Bartlett T. W. Bro. A. Lethbridge was elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon. The Treasurer's accounts were audited, and a very satisfactory balance was found in favour of the Lodge, whereupon the thanks of the Lodge were unanimously given to Wor. Bro. S. Jew for his valuable services, which had resulted so well. The annual dinner is arranged to take place in the Refectory of the Ebrington Temple, on Tuesday, 4th January.

Borough Lodge, No. 424.—At the next meeting of this Lodge, to be held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the regular quarters, Half Moon-lane, Gateshead, the date of inaugurating the new Lodge room will be considered and determined upon. We understand that the room when furnished will be one of the most comfortable in the North of England. The Lodge room and ante-rooms have been prepared in a most handsome manner by Bro. Thomas Pearson.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 14th December. Present—Bros. Brown P.M. 65 W.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Biddle P.M. S.D., Clements J.D., Haynes I.G., Moss Preceptor, Hollands P.M. Secretary, Daniel P.M. 65, Walker, Schweitzer, Hosegood, Bond, Caton, Shadler, Hamilton, Bush P.M., Harris, Chichester, and Tarrant. The ceremony of installation was very ably worked by Bro. Brown P.M. 65. Bro. Biddle P.M., who acted as the Master installed, was pleased to invest the following brethren:—Hollands I.P.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Walker S.D., Clements J.D., Haynes I.G. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Brown for the above services. Bro. Biddle rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Shadler candidate. Bro. Chicken was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. Brown mentioned that the sum of £128 had been collected by him in the short period during which the Charity Association connected with this Lodge of Instruction had been established.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.1—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 14th December, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Medwin W.M., Kerr S.W., Pitt J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Hepburn S.D. Batty I.G., and several others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Redding candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree, and then the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. Bro. Fountain was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the first Tuesday in January.

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MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

THE Annual Banquet of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with this Lodge, was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Durham, under peculiarly gratifying and auspicious circumstances. Seventy-two members sat down to dinner, being the largest gathering that has taken place on any similar occasion in the city of Durham since the Lodge was established—one hundred and seventeen years ago. Bro. T. Bell (Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines) the W.M. presided, supported on his right by the Wor. Bro. W. L. Robertson (Mayor of Durham); Bros. W. Brignal P.P.G.R., Blackett D.C., Lawrence P.P.D., Dr. Linton P.M., W. F. Hall, &c.; and on the left by Bros. Sam. Holdsworth I.P.M., Johnson P.P.G.S.B., Fenny P.M., and Ground P.M. The W.M. of the Earl Durham Lodge, the W.M. of the Wear Valley Lodge, the W.M. of the Deloraine Lodge, Northumberland, and Bros. W. Hawksley, Herbert Robson, Logan, Bowsfield, and Thompson P.S.W., Barnsley, &c., were also present. The following officers took their respective places, viz., Bros. W. Coxon (Master Elect) as S.W., G. G. Forster as J.W., S. Wilson (Darlington) S.D., G. Oldham J.D., James Fowler Treasurer, R. Laverick I.G., Andrew Carr Hon. Sec., and John Carter Tyler. The banquet was well served up by Bro. Iveson, of the Hat and Feather Hotel, of this city, and gave great satisfaction, both as to the manner in which the dinner was put on the table and the service connected with it. The wines, which were also supplied by Bro. Iveson, were of a very superior quality. Before the cloth was removed the usual loving cup, being the silver one presented by Lord Crewe (Bishop of Durham) to the Durham Corporation was passed round, after which *Non nobis, Domine* was sung by way of grace by Bros. Walker, Leatham, Welsh and Goodhead, of the Cathedral choir, in first-class style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with considerable efficiency by the W.M. During the course of the W.M.'s observations, he referred to the progress of Masonry in the city of Durham, and more particularly to the rapid accession of high-class members who had been admitted during his presidency, they numbering no less than twenty-seven initiations and twelve joining members; and he might say that this eminently satisfactory state of things was unprecedented in the history of the Lodge. In further alluding to the events of the year, he took the opportunity of paying a high tribute of respect, which, he said, the brethren entertained, to the late Worthy and Worshipful Prov. G.M. Bro. John Fawcett, who had so long and faithfully served the Masonic Craft in this county. The W.M. also remarked that he was glad His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England had in his wisdom thought proper to appoint a most popular successor to Bro. Fawcett in the person of the Most Hon. the Marquis Londonderry, who he had no doubt would prove a worthy successor, especially if he might judge from what was said at his recent installation concerning him. During the evening, the musical gentlemen rendered quintettes, songs, glees, and duets in their well-known efficient manner. After what we have already said, it is scarcely necessary to state that it will be an easy task for our readers to imagine that the evening was spent in that love and harmony which are so peculiarly characteristic of the brethren of the mystic tie.

THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 9th inst.; Bro. Dr. Victor Jagielski W.M. presided. There were present—Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson S.W., Lancaster J.W., Smith S.D., Rüntz J.D., Buling I.G., Bryant D.C., Paas Sec., Nowakowski Treas. Past Masters—Bros. Aspinall (Immediate), Cumming and Ebner. Visitors—Bros. Lowson, Potts, Tees, Corble, Chigwell, Baldwin, Hervey, Gielguel, Dr. Mordaunt Sigismund, and a large muster of brethren. There was little business. A motion was introduced by Bro. Bryant to alter the Bye-laws in reference to members of Polish nationality, and the jewel presented to members. Considerable discussion took place, but nothing definite was decided on. A desultory discussion then occupied many of the brethren as to the advisability of electing a former Brother Preceptor as honorary member; that likewise came to grief. It was with a considerable amount of relief that the brethren were called upon to assist in closing Lodge, and the adjournment to the banquetting hall tended to soothe the somewhat turbulent element, aggravated by an unusually long sitting and empty stomachs. Hunger and thirst once assuaged, matters took their ordinary and placid course. The W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were drunk most heartily. The I.P.M., Bro. Aspinall, then took possession of the gavel, and in a few felicitous words proposed the health of the W.M., of whom, he said, the Lodge had reason to be proud. Dr. Jagielski, in returning thanks, impressed upon the brethren in a very forcible manner the fact that not only are the duties of the chair onerous, but that a W.M.'s personal feelings in whatever concerns the Lodge are subservient to the wishes of the brethren—in fact, he completely loses his own identity in being, as it were, not only the servant, but the expounder of the desires of the Lodge over which he presides. In eloquent terms he went on to assure the brethren that his duty to the Lodge was uppermost in his mind, and while he wielded the gavel his only solicitude would be the welfare of that Lodge which he loved so well. The health of the P.M.'s was then drunk, and replied to by Bros. Aspinall, Cumming, Nowakowski, and Ebner. The other toasts included that of the Visitors, and was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Lowson, Corble, Baldwin, and Sigismund. Bro. Dr. Sigismund, after thanking the W.M. for the kind reception he had that evening received, said, When the Initiate first sees the light of Masonry he is told that the Order stands aloof from politics as well as creeds; I am therefore not privileged to touch upon either one or the other. I cannot, however, refrain from remarking that the jewel with which so many of the brethren are decorated has a peculiar signification. It represents a bird, white in colour, emblematic of its purity; a bird that has a grand yet sad history; a bird which once upon a time spread its wings and took flight to foreign parts, carrying civilization wherever it went, being the harbinger of peace, and bringing succour to those who stood in need of her aid; a bird which not only fought most valiantly in its own territory, but whose white crest might have been seen crowning the banners under the walls of Vienna, when a barbarous foe threatened to annihilate that beautiful city; a bird which, centuries afterwards, fought heroically under the walls of Leipsic—it was the bird of Sobieski and Kosciosko, of whom might with truth be said, *non sibi, sed patriæ*, not for themselves but for their country did they live; a bird that had seen many a hard-fought battle, always magnanimous in victory, and glorious in defeat, until it met with a most terrible foe; although one of its own kind, it was a most unnatural, monster-like formation; a bird with *two heads*. In the long and sanguinary struggle which then ensued, the bird I allude to found considerable difficulty in coping with the terrible monster; its allies and *friends* then gradually deserted it, and finally betrayed it. After a long and unequal struggle, it succumbed. No sooner did the spectators—members of the animal kingdom—see the noble and brave bird lying in the throes of death, stretched before them faint and bleeding, its wings broken and its talons torn from it—in fact, all but lifeless—when, with true bestial ferocity, they fell upon it in order to devour it, each claiming a share of the prey. The double-headed monster—black in colour, a sign of evil omen—firmly clutched our poor bird in its grip, taking the lion's share, and defying with threatening attitude any and every feeble attempt that might be made by others to extricate its victim. That bird, my brethren, is *not* dead. To-night I am not only forcibly reminded of its history, but I have the conviction that, although weak and helpless, in a state of coma, its physical powers paralysed, it *is not* dead. There is a great affinity between that bird and two others—one a proud, the other a powerful one. We Masons are well aware that before the Great Architect of the Universe we are all equal: it is the fundamental principle of our Order. That bird may not always have been imbued with that Masonic attribute; it did not always mete out freedom and equality to its children; might it not thus have transgressed and received its punishment? but oh, what a punishment! far beyond the crime. But the Most High is merciful, and will, in His own appointed time, forgive that transgression. The time will yet come when the two other birds of its kind will bid it rise from its lethargic sleep and follow their own example; her sister in the far West will not forget how bravely, how valiantly some of her exiled children strove to add their mite to the great and unsuccessful struggle for independence. Only recently I was very nearly feeling the talons of that terrible bird. I travelled in the country over which it sways and, but for the bird under whose wings I stand it might have fared hard with me. The fearful monster could not stand the clear and steady gaze of that proud and defiant bird, surrounded by a halo of stars; its wings widely spread, a refuge for the oppressed—it cowed before it. Our white bird—a representative of which adorns your breasts—will yet live to see the day when its unnatural foe, gorged with prey of a multitudinous kind, will turn its beaks towards each other and rend itself asunder. Some excellent songs were given by two of the brethren, and with the Tyler's toast the evening came to a close.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 11th December, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. T. Hamer W.M., C. Taylor S.W., Freeman P.M. (J.W. *pro tem*), N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s Stevens, Seex, Stanway, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Venables 1433, J. Block 1423, Shearing 223, H. Hollis 167, Postans 167, T. Poore P.M. 720, J. Hollington W.M. 933, G. A. Low W.M. 1670, J. Glaning P.M. 167, &c. There was also a tolerably numerous attendance of members. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Matthews was questioned as to his proficiency in the science. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and he was most ably raised to the degree of M.M., the W.M. most ably acquitting himself in the performance of this important ceremony. Bro. Blackie I.P.M. and Secretary afterwards gave the traditional history of the degree, and an explanation of the working tools. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when some business connected with the general arrangements of the installation meeting were discussed, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren and visitors then adjourned for refreshment, and at the conclusion of the repast the W.M. said he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to join with him in drinking what was always the first toast amongst Freemasons, and, indeed, in all assemblies of Englishmen; it was the health of Her Majesty the Queen, who had sat for many years on the throne of these realms, and whose name was dear to all Englishmen. In giving her health he coupled with it the Craft, which was cordially responded to. The W.M. then, in a manner which commended itself to all, gave in one toast the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. In asking the brethren to join him in drinking this toast, he said it was a most comprehensive one, and it did not require many words from him to ensure for it a hearty reception. It was at all times the desire of the Grand Officers to have the confidence of the brethren, and although they were looked upon with a jealous eye, he believed that their position, as the *elite* of the Craft, had always been fully maintained. The toast was heartily responded to. Bro. Blackie I.P.M. said the brethren would be aware what was his object in rising to address them; it was to propose the health of the W.M. He had at the last Lodge gone fully into the merits of their W.M., but the manner in which he had gone through the third degree that evening must have been a gratifying surprise to them, as it was the first

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opportunity of his having to perform it. He had been called to the chair earlier than he expected, and thus it would be a lesson to those who expected to follow him to be prepared and ready at any time to go on with their work. They had here a brother who was well known to them; he was first who had come to the chair who had been initiated in The Great City Lodge, and he asked them all to cordially drink his health with the usual "fire." The W.M. in acknowledging the toast, said that when he was appointed to the chair it was his earnest endeavour not to reflect any disgrace upon the Lodge by that appointment, but he did not expect to come up to the same standard as those he had the honour of following. He might say, however, that he felt delighted in occupying his exalted position, and during his year of office he would do his utmost to go through the duties in as perfect a manner as he was able, and he hoped that his working in the Lodge would please them all. He would not detain them further except to express to Bro. Blackie his gratitude for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and to the brethren, for the very complimentary manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. J. Stevens gave a recitation—"Mason's Vows"—which was well delivered, and rewarded with deserved applause. The Wor. Master next gave the Visitors, and remarked that The Great City Lodge was always proud to receive them. Having enumerated them, he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Middleton, formerly a member of the Lodge, who returned thanks, as did several of the other visitors. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge, of whom they had a good array present, which was a proof that they had not worked only for the purpose of filling the chair, but after they had passed it, attending there to perform any duties that might be required of them. He had no desire by any observation of his to make any one of them jealous, but he must say that Bro. Blackie had at all times stood by and devoted a great deal of his time to him; for which he was very grateful. Bro. Blackie said the Past Masters wished to return their warmest thanks for drinking their health; this was a toast that was always well received in the Lodge, for which they could not be too grateful. The other Past Masters severally returned thanks. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then given, which they responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close. We ought not omit noticing that several songs were sung in the course of the evening, and a recitation by Bro. Moggison, written by Edgar Poe, was greatly admired, and equally so was one by Bro. T. Poore from the Ingoldsby Legends—"The Jackdaw of Rheims."

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1604, HULL.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Friday, the 10th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, 58 Charlotte-street. Bros. T. R. Nicholas W.M., C. H. Wright S.W., William Gillett J.W., J. R. Ansdell I.P.M., H. Preston P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer and Chaplain, R. Boggett P.M. P.G.S.B. Hon. Sec. and Lecture Master, P. C. Whitfield Assist. Sec., G. O. Howarth S.D., G. W. Smith J.D., C. W. Cheesman P.M. P.P.G.O., T. B. Mather D.C., J. Shields I.G., Henry Drewery Steward; Bros. T. Seward, W. F. Chapman, R. Gillett, R. W. Cooper, J. Robinson, H. Hertz, H. Koser, G. O. Landale, B. Pitch, &c. Visitors—R.W. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Sturton W.M. 250, E. Batchin I.P.M. 250, and J. White 253. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Afterwards a successful ballot was taken for two gentlemen as candidates for Freemasonry. Mr. G. L. Whiting was regularly initiated. The Lodge was opened on the square, when Bro. W. A. Bennett was passed. The Lodge was then lowered, when Bro. C. Cheesman P.M. P.P.G.O., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. J. R. Ansdell I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Ansdell thanked the brethren from his heart for their handsome gift, and assured the members it would be for ever prized by him, and would be an incentive for him to do more if possible in the future. The D.P.G.M. then brought the Festival of the Boys' School before the Lodge, and hoped the members would do their utmost to make it a success. Bro. H. Preston P.M. volunteered to attend as Steward, and subsequently Bro. R. Boggett P.M., the Lodge Charity Steward, made an earnest appeal on behalf of Bro. Preston's list, when upwards of twenty guineas was subscribed. Several candidates were then proposed, and hearty good wishes expressed. The Lodge closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. James Forbes W.M., F. Chifferiel S.W., E. D. Willy J.W., J. A. Abott P.M. Secretary, T. Moring P.M. Treasurer, A. Endean S.D., S. N. Thompson J.D., W. Willy P.M. D.C., R. Elliott I.G., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. S. Vallentine, W. R. Marsh, W. T. Scott, H. S. Friend, L. W. Harvey. Visitors—Bros. J. B. Lambe W.M. Prudent Brethren 145, and S. Holroyd Union Lodge 310. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Price, having given satisfactory replies to the usual questions, was raised. It was proposed and carried that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. Forbes W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled he duties of the office of W.M. during the year. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and was unanimously in favour of Bro. F. Cheff-riel S.W. Bros. T. Moring P.M. and J. Rawles were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Vallentine was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. It was arranged that the Audit Committee meet on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 6th December. Bro. Aspinall P.M. presided, supported by Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Partridge S.W., Goddard J.W., also Bros. McDonald, Loring, Green P.M., Robson, Smith, Franckel, Edwin, Seymour-Clarke, &c. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Mc Donald, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Franckel J.W. of "Royal Alfred" and Edwin of "Lebanon" Lodges, were elected members. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. J. Aspinall P.M. for the efficient manner in which he had filled the chair, for the first time in this Lodge. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On Monday, 13th December, Bro. H. Seymour-Clarke presided, supported by Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Goddard S.W., Robson J.W., McDonald, Macgregor, Windsor, Loring, Gabriel, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Macgregor was questioned and entrusted, and afterwards passed to the F.C. degree. Bro. McDonald then worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being closed in the second degree, Bro. T. C. Goddard S.W. was elected W.M. for Monday, 20th inst., when the third ceremony will be worked; an early and good attendance is requested. Members are reminded that the Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the fourth Monday in January next by one of the most able exponents of Masonic ritual.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on the 2nd inst. Bros. F. Botley W.M., J. Green S.W., E. C. Botley J.W., J. J. Clarke J.D., Johnson I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary, C. Andrews P.M. S.D., H. Stephens, H. Mitchell, E. Geflowski, and E. C. Porter. After preliminaries, Bro. H. Mitchell volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to first degree. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming labour Bro. C. Andrews P.M. worked the fifth section of the first lecture. The Officers of the mother Lodge occupied their respective places in this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, 9th December, that being the meeting preceding the meeting of Lodge No. 1612. Bro. J. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for Thursday, 16th Dec. The Lodge was closed in due form.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfied, on Monday, 13th December, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Lardner, Pennefather, Van Raalte, Lawrence, King, Greenwood, Clark, J. Smith, Robbins, Pidgeon, Cohen, H. Forss, T. Butt, Pettit, Rose, Mc Butt, W. Kelly, Milton, McKay, Keeble, E. A. Smith, Brickdale, and Goodenough. The Lodge was opened in due form at seven p.m. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the auditors' report received. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. Malthouse was expected to preside at the table, but unforeseen circumstances prevented him being present; in his absence Bro. Lardner was called to the chair. The brethren having partaken of a sumptuous repast, the usual Masonic toasts were given. Bro. H. Lardner then rose and said:—Brethren, the most pleasing duty of the evening now devolves upon me, and should I live another quarter of a century, and during that time preside over many such meetings, I do not think I shall ever be called upon to perform a more pleasing task. You are all aware that during a period of four years Bro. Pennefather has, with unflagging zeal, come regularly to impart to us that Masonic instruction all energetic brethren are so desirous to obtain, and as a mark of our esteem for his general kindness and affability to all, I have much pleasure in presenting to him this beautiful gold watch, which I trust he will long live to wear. Bro. Pennefather briefly and feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and said he should continue to attend the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction as long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared him health and strength. The vocal abilities of Bros. Rose, King, Mc Butt, Smith, and Pennefather were brought into requisition; Bro. Greenwood accompanied on the pianoforte, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a well-deserved compliment to Bro. T. Butt for the good things he had supplied, and the manner in which they had been served up. Bro. Butt, in a feeling manner, acknowledged the thanks accorded him, and said it would be the last time he should have the pleasure of catering for them.

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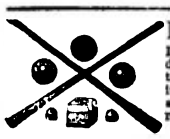
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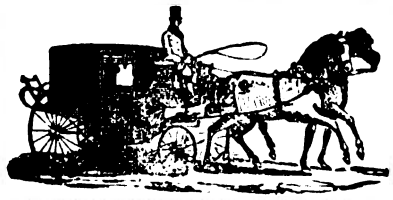
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